

# **Global Commitment Register**

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# **RBRVS Fee Schedule Update**

## **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program updated its reimbursement methodology for Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) payments, including changes to the Geographic Practice Cost Index (GPCI). This update aligns with Medicare's physician fee schedule update.

The standard conversion factor remains at \$29.38, and the primary care conversion factor remains at \$37.28. The 2024 Practice Expense GPCI for Vermont decreased from 0.997 to 0.993. The 2024 Malpractice GPCI for Vermont decreased from 0.543 to 0.518.

#### **Effective Date:**

January 1, 2024

# **Authority/Legal Basis:**

Medicaid State Plan

This change is being done through Global Commitment to Health waiver authority, where DVHA may establish rates with providers on an individual or class basis without regard to the rates currently set forth in the approved State Plan.

Global Commitment to Health Waiver: Waiver authority #5 [Section 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30)]; Special Term and Condition #6.8.

# **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is a savings of \$96,606.

### **Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period ended January 19, 2024. <u>The comment received and State response</u> can be viewed at this link.

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# **Additional Information:**

The following State Plan page has been amended:

• Attachment 4.19-B page 10

The Medicaid State Plan is available on the AHS website.