

Global Commitment Register

December 20, 2023

GCR 23-155 PROPOSED

RBRVS Fee Schedule Update

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program is proposing to update 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 will remain at \$29.38, and the primary care conversion factor will remain at \$37.28. The 2024 Practice Expense GPCI for Vermont will decrease from 0.997 to 0.993. The 2024 Malpractice GPCI for Vermont will decrease 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:

December 20, 2023 – January 19, 2024

Send comments to:

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Additional Information:

The draft Global Commitment Amended State Plan page provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft page can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on <u>Agency of Human Services website</u>.

