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Global Commitment Register

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PROPOSED

Northeastern Family Institute Case Rate Update

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to adjust the value-based performance measures for the Northeastern Family Institute (NFI) bundled case rate. NFI is the only statewide Specialized Service Agency in Vermont for children and youth with severe emotional disturbance and their families. NFI provides intensive wraparound services in multiple regions of the state in home, therapeutic foster home, staffed transitional living, and community settings with a strong clinical approach to address complex trauma and attachment issues.

Beginning July 1, 2024, performance measure (d) in the chart under Additional Information below is moving to pay-for-performance as opposed to pay-for-reporting. Performance targets may be updated in subsequent years.

The overall reimbursement methodology for NFI remains unchanged. [See GCR 23-065 for more information on NFI reimbursement.](#)

Effective Date:

January 1, 2024

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid 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:

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

Public Comment Period:

December 22, 2023 – January 22, 2024

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Additional Information:

NFI Payment Model: Value Based Performance Measures

	Measure Name and NQF # (if applicable)	Measure Steward/ Developer	Baseline Year	Baseline Statistic	Performance Measurement Period	Performance Target	Notes
a.	Percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries receiving a VT CANS assessment in the past 6 months	Vermont	State FY 2023 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)	98%	Year 2, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	90%	Pay for performance
b.	Minimum caseload for Medicaid beneficiaries is 91; Target Caseload is 100 or above for incentive payments	Vermont	State FY 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	90	Year 2, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	100	Pay for performance
c.	Percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries declined after the completed referral	Vermont	State FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)	0%	Year 2, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	<10%	Pay for performance
d.	Percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries where NFI staff had contact with Primary caregivers for 2 hours or more (aggregated) per month.	Vermont	State FY 2023 (July 1 2022 - June 30 2023)	73% (average across baseline year)	Year 2, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	January - June: quarterly reporting July - December: 70%	January - June measure is pay for reporting Beginning in July, measure is pay for performance (target is 70%)