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Mental Health Case Rate Update

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program updated the Mental Health Case Rate payment model. Funding that was previously a part of the Emergency Services Global Payment shifted into the case rates for children with or at risk of Severe Emotional Disturbance and for adults with Serious Mental Illness. Low-threshold emergency services delivered to Medicaid beneficiaries are billed to the children and adult case rates.

A rate table showing the estimated case rate amounts and the performance measures table can be found under “Additional Information” below.

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:

The public comment period ended on January 22, 2024. No comments were received.

Additional Information:

Provider	Projected Monthly Case Rate*	
Clara Martin Center	Adult	\$1,058.23
	Child	\$767.65
Counseling Service of Addison County	Adult	\$1,956.68
	Child	\$1,529.88
Howard Center	Adult	\$1,813.60
	Child	\$1,129.34
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	Adult	\$2,109.11
	Child	\$1,421.25
Lamoille County Mental Health Services	Adult	\$2,732.48
	Child	\$1,155.28
Northwestern Counseling and Support Services	Adult	\$1,645.25
	Child	\$1,061.91
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	Adult	\$1,164.01
	Child	\$1,311.04
Rutland Mental Health Services	Adult	\$1,813.32
	Child	\$783.55
United Counseling Services	Adult	\$1,117.37
	Child	\$997.07
Washington County Mental Health	Adult	\$1,582.22
	Child	\$2,515.78
Pathways Vermont	Adult	\$839.99

* Providers must meet their agreed upon targets to receive these rates.

[The following page contains the payment arrangement provider performance measures.]

TABLE 1: Payment Arrangement Provider Performance Measures							
	Measure Name and NQF # (if applicable)	Measure Steward/ Developer	Baseline Year	Baseline Statistic	Performance Measurement Period	Performance Target*	Notes
a.	Number of Medicaid-enrolled children/youth (0-17 years old) served	Vermont	CY2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Pay for reporting
b.	Number of eligible children/youth (0-17 years old) served per 1,000 age-specific population	Vermont	CY2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Pay for reporting
c.	Number of Medicaid-enrolled young adults (18-24 years old) served	Vermont	CY2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Pay for reporting
d.	Number of eligible young adults (18-24 years old) served per 1,000 age-specific population	Vermont	CY2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Pay for reporting
e.	Number of Medicaid-enrolled adults (18+ years old) served	Vermont	CY2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Pay for reporting
f.	Number of adults (18+ years old) served per 1,000 age-specific population	Vermont	CY2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Pay for reporting
g.	Percentage of clients indicate services were “right” for them.	Vermont	CY2019	90%	CY2019 onward	83%**	Pay for performance starting in CY2020
h.	Percentage of clients indicate they were treated with respect.	Vermont	CY2019	96%	CY2019 onward	88%**	Pay for performance starting in CY2020
i.	Percentage of clients indicate services made a difference.	Vermont	CY2019	88%	CY2019 onward	76%**	Pay for performance starting in CY2020
j.	Percentage of clients offered a face-to-face contact within 5 calendar days of initial request.	Vermont	CY2020	66%	CY2020 onward	54%***	Pay for performance starting in CY2021
k.	Percentage of clients seen for treatment within 14 calendar days of assessment.	Vermont	CY2020	61%	CY2020 onward	50%***	Pay for performance starting in CY2021
l.	Percentage of youth clients (ages 12-17) screened for depression	Vermont	CY2023	43%	CY2023 onward	43%***	Pay for performance starting in CY2024

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m.	Percentage of youth clients (ages 12-17) screened for substance use.	Vermont	CY2023	43%	CY2023 onward	43%***	Pay for performance starting in CY2024
n.	Percentage of adult clients (ages 18 and older) screened for depression.	Vermont	CY2020	63%	CY2020 onward	63%***	Pay for performance starting in CY2021
o.	Percentage of adult clients (ages 18 and older) screened for substance use.	Vermont	CY2020	65%	CY2020 onward	63%***	Pay for performance starting in CY2021
p.	Percentage of adult clients (ages 18 and older) screened for trauma.	Vermont	CY2020	60%	CY2023 onward	62%***	Pay for performance starting in CY2021
q.	[For Children] Percentage of clients with a CANS update recorded within the last 6 months.	Vermont	CY2020	73%	CY2020 onward	62%***	Pay for performance starting in CY2021
r.	[For Adults] Percentage of clients with an ANSA update recorded within the last 12 months.	Vermont	CY2022	29%	CY2022 onward	35%	Pay for performance starting in CY2023
s.	Percentage of youth (ages 6-17) with a 7-day follow up after hospitalization (FUH; NQF #: 0576)	NCQA /HEDIS	CY2023	N/A	CY2023 onward	Target to follow national standard for Medicaid HMO	Pay for performance starting in CY2024
t.	Percentage of adults (ages 18-64) with a 7-day follow up after hospitalization (FUH; NQF #: 0576)	NCQA /HEDIS	CY2023	N/A	CY2023 onward	Target to follow national standard for Medicaid HMO	Pay for performance starting in CY2024