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# Global Commitment Register

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PROPOSED

## Mental Health Case Rate Update

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program is updating the Mental Health Case Rate payment model. Funding that was previously a part of the Emergency Services Global Payment will be 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 will be 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:**

December 22, 2023 – January 22, 2024

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**Additional Information:**

Provider	Projected Monthly Case Rate*	
	Adult	Child
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.]

<b>TABLE 1: Payment Arrangement Provider Performance Measures</b>							
	<b>Measure Name and NQF # (if applicable)</b>	<b>Measure Steward/ Developer</b>	<b>Baseline Year</b>	<b>Baseline Statistic</b>	<b>Performance Measurement Period</b>	<b>Performance Target*</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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	<a href="#">Target to follow national standard</a> 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	<a href="#">Target to follow national standard</a> for Medicaid HMO	Pay for performance starting in CY2024