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# Global Commitment Register

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## **Reimbursement for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program increased the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Prospective Payment System (PPS) rates by 4.6% percent for dates of service on or after February 21, 2024. The Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) rates were also updated for dates of service on or after February 21, 2024, using the 2024 Medicare Economic Index (MEI) inflation factor of 4.6%. The Medicaid State Plan has been updated to include this rate increase as well as historical context on the Alternative Payment Methodology.

### **Effective Date:**

February 21, 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 \$2,260,000.

### **Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period ended March 20, 2024. [One comment was received and can be viewed here.](#)

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**Additional Information:**

The following State Plan page was amended:

- Attachment 4.19-B page 2a(2) and page 2a(2a)

Click here for the [Medicaid State Plan](#) on the AHS website.