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Global Commitment Register

February 20, 2024

GCR 24-006 PROPOSED

Reimbursement for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural <u>Health Clinics</u>

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to increase 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 will also be 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.

<u>Global Commitment to Health Waiver</u>: 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: February 20, 2024 – March 20, 2024

Send comments to: Medicaid Policy Unit



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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>.

