

# **Global Commitment Register**

September 26, 2024

GCR 24-035 PROPOSED

## **Orthodontic Benefit Changes**

#### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid Program proposes to establish maximum units for limited and comprehensive orthodontic services. Vermont Medicaid members who receive one unit of limited orthodontic services will be eligible to receive up to three units of comprehensive orthodontic treatment as medically necessary. The maximum orthodontic benefit is four units.

This change is being made to allow for phased treatment, so members receive, and providers are reimbursed for medically necessary orthodontic treatments. The limits can be exceeded when medically necessary. Prior authorization and documentation of medical necessity is required.

#### **Effective Date:**

October 1, 2024

#### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

Medicaid State Plan

#### **Population Affected:**

Medicaid children under age 21 and individuals who are pregnant or 12 months postpartum.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$36,432.

#### **Public Comment Period:**

September 26, 2024 – October 26, 2024

Send comments to:

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### **Additional Information:**

Vermont Medicaid Dental Fee Schedule

Vermont Medicaid Dental Supplement

Dental Evaluation Tools, Clinical Criteria, and Prior Authorization Forms

