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# Global Commitment Register

June 13, 2024

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GCR 24-051  
PROPOSED

## **Prescription Drug Importation During Shortages**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to add coverage of drugs authorized for import by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) during drug shortages. The FDA allows the importation of drugs from other countries when necessary to lessen the effects of drug shortages in the United States. This is a measure to ensure adequate access. Imported drugs must be authorized by the FDA for importation and prescribed by a Medicaid enrolled provider and

Vermont Medicaid is not currently experiencing a specific drug shortage. This change is being made to put the necessary policy in place to respond to a drug shortage.

This change will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as State Plan Amendment (SPA) #24-0013.

### **Effective Date:**

July 1, 2024

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

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

### **Fiscal Impact:**

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

### **Public Comment Period:**

June 13, 2024 – July 13, 2024

Send comments to:

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**Additional Information:**

The draft SPA provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft SPA can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on the [Agency of Human Services website](#).