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# Global Commitment Register

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**FINAL**

## **Ambulance Services Rate Update**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program updated the reimbursement rate for ambulance response and treatment when no transport is provided. This rate update brought the reimbursement rate for treatment without transportation up to 100% of the 2024 Medicare urban base rate for Basic Life Support (BLS) rate for non-emergency transport. The reimbursement rate for this service was 40% of the Medicare 2023 BLS rate for non-emergency transport. This change is the result of legislative action and is required under Act No. 157 of 2024.

### **Effective Date:**

July 1, 2024.

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

[Act No.157 \(H.622\) of 2024](#)

### [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 \$116,378.

### **Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period ended July 26, 2024. No comments were received.

To be added to the GCR email list, send an email to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov).

**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 [Agency of Human Services website](#).