

State of Vermont Agency of Human Services 280 State Drive, Center Building Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

# **Global Commitment Register**

June 26, 2024

GCR 24-065 PROPOSED

## Ambulance Services Rate Update

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to update the reimbursement rate for ambulance response and treatment when no transport is provided. This rate update will bring 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 current reimbursement rate for this service is 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.

<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 \$116,378.

**Public Comment Period:** June 26, 2024 – July 26, 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>.

