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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 24-070  
FINAL

## **Home Health, High Technology Nursing, & Pediatric Palliative Care Rate Changes**

### **Policy Summary:**

Vermont Medicaid updated the rates for the following:

- Home Health services
- Pediatric Palliative Care Program services
- High Technology Program, nursing services provided by a home health agency, and
- High Technology Program, nursing services provided by independently enrolled nurses.

The changes bring the base rates up to 100% of the Medicare Low Utilization Payment Adjustment (LUPA) rate for Vermont plus an additional increase of 3% due to Legislative appropriations.

These rate changes are a result of the State Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Act.

The home health agency high technology program nursing rates also apply to the High Technology Nursing Program Payment Model described in [final GCR 23-044](#).

### **Effective Date:**

July 01, 2024

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

[State Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Act 113 \(H.883\)](#)

### **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 \$1,564,232.

**Public Comment Period:**

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

**Additional Information:**

The following State Plan pages have been amended:

- Attachment 4.19-B page 3a
- Attachment 4.19-B page 3a(1)

The [Medicaid State Plan](#) is available on the AHS website.

Rates can be found in the [Vermont Medicaid fee schedule](#).