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# Global Commitment Register

June 26, 2024

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GCR 24-070  
PROPOSED

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

### **Policy Summary:**

Vermont Medicaid is proposing updates to 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 proposed changes will 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 will also apply to the High Technology Nursing Program Payment Model described in [final GCR 23-044](#).

Rate charts are in the Additional Information section below.

### **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:**

June 26, 2024 - July 26, 2024

Send comments to:

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**Additional Information:**

The draft Global Commitment Amended State Plan pages 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](#).

Rates for the proposed changes can be found on the next page.

<b>Home Health Rates</b>		
<b>Revenue Code Description</b>	<b>Revenue Code</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>
PHYSICAL THERAPY	420	\$180.28
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	430	\$181.52
SPEECH THERAPY	440	\$195.97
SKILLED NURSING	550	\$164.94
SKILLED NURSING, SVCS, VISIT CHARGE	551	\$164.94
INITIAL HOME HEALTH ASSESMENT VISIT	559	\$148.10
MEDICAL SOCIAL SVCS, GENERAL	560	\$264.37
HOME HEALTH - HOME HEALTH AIDE	570	\$18.67

<b>Pediatric Palliative Care Rates</b>		
<b>Revenue Code Description</b>	<b>Revenue Code</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>
MEDICAL SOCIAL SVCS, VISIT CHARGE	561	\$164.73
MEDICAL SOCIAL SVCS, HOURLY CHARGE	562	\$164.73
OTHER HOME HEALTH VISITS, GENERAL	580	\$20.23
OTHER HOME HEALTH VISITS	589	\$20.23

<b>Home Health Agency High Technology Nursing Rates</b>			
<b>Revenue Code Description</b>	<b>HCPCS Code</b>	<b>Modifier Combinations</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>
DIRECT SKILLED NURSING SERVICES OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	G0299	HTHA, HTHB	\$18.01
DIRECT SKILLED NURSING SERVICES OF A LICENSE PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	G0300	HTHA, HTHB	\$18.01
NURSING ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION	T1001	HTHA, HTHB	\$97.15

<b>Independently Enrolled High Technology Nursing Rates Registered Nurse (RN) &amp; Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)</b>			
<b>Description</b>	<b>HCPCS Code</b>	<b>Modifiers</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>
RN Day	T1002	n/a	\$13.51
RN Night/Holiday/Weekend	T1002	UJ/TV	\$14.86
LPN Day	T1003	n/a	\$11.48
LPN Night/Holiday/Weekend	T1003	UJ/TV	\$12.64
Nursing Assessment/Evaluation	T1001	n/a	\$72.86