



Reimbursement for State of Vermont  
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# Global Commitment Register

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## **Hospice Services Rate Changes**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program updated rates for hospice services. This change is a result of the State Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Act. Vermont Medicaid follows the Medicare rate methodology for hospice services and had previously set the 2024 rates for hospice services at 100% of the Medicare rates. DVHA is adding a 3% rate increase as of July 01, 2024.

### **Effective Date:**

July 1, 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 \$36,000.

### **Public Comment Period:**

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

### **Additional Information:**

The following State Plan page has been amended:  
Attachment 4.19-B page 6.

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

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