



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

Global Commitment Register

June 26, 2024

GCR 24-072
PROPOSED

Hospice Services Rate Changes

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program is updating 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. Further details on the rate changes can be found under “Additional Information” below.

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:

June 26, 2024 – July 26, 2024

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

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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 [Agency of Human Services website](#).

Rates for the proposed changes are listed in the table below.

Hospice Rates Effective 07/01/2024

Revenue Code	Description	Current 2024 VT Rural Rate	Current 2024 VT Urban Rate	July 2024 VT Rural CMS Rate	July 2024 VT Urban CMS Rate
651	Routine Home Care (Days 1-60)	\$209.19	\$212.88	\$215.47	\$219.27
651	Routine Home Care (Days 61+)	\$165.13	\$168.08	\$170.08	\$173.12
	Service Intensity Add-On	\$62.05	\$63.30	\$63.91	\$65.20
652	Continuous Home Care	\$1,489.20	\$1,519.20	\$1,533.84	\$1,564.80
655	Inpatient Respite Care	\$513.14	\$521.49	\$528.53	\$537.13
656	General Inpatient Care	\$1,097.82	\$1,116.44	\$1,130.75	\$1,149.93