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PROPOSED

Health Care Administrative Rules Update – Ambulance Services and Beneficiary Protections and Responsibilities

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) has filed the proposed rules with the Office of the Secretary of State to amend the following Medicaid administrative rules:

4.226 Ambulance Services

- This Health Care Administrative Rule sets forth the criteria for coverage of ambulance services under Vermont's Medicaid program. This update includes new language to include coverage of treatment without transportation and additional provider types who may provide services under an enrolled ambulance provider. These changes were necessary to align the rule with federal and state guidance and law, to improve clarity, and to make technical corrections.

8.101 Beneficiary Protections and Responsibilities

- This rule sets forth beneficiary protections and responsibilities under Vermont Medicaid. It revises and will replace current Medicaid covered services rule 7101 as part of the sequential adoption of Health Care Administrative Rules designed to improve accessibility and comprehension of the rules governing the Vermont Medicaid program. The proposed amendments remove out dated language, streamline requirements and protections for Medicaid members, remove duplicative language, and remove protections that do not warrant rule.

Effective Date:

The proposed rule was filed with the Secretary of State on June 26, 2024. The rule will not become effective until the administrative rulemaking process is complete.

Authority/Legal Basis:

33 V.S.A. § 1901(a)
33 V.S.A. § 904 (a)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period is open through August 14, 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 [HCAR proposed rules](#) are available on the Agency of Human Services website.

The HCAR final [proposed rules on the SOS website](#) are referred to as:

- Rule 24P025 – Ambulance Services
- Rule 24P026 – Beneficiary Protections and Responsibilities

The [HCAR adopted rules](#) that are currently in effect are available on the Agency of Human Services website.

More information about the [rulemaking process](#) is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website.

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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](#).