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# Global Commitment Register

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## **CMS Approves Amendment to Vermont's Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 Demonstration**

### **Policy Summary:**

On January 2, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the amendment submitted April 30, 2024, to Vermont's section 1115 demonstration, "Global Commitment to Health." This demonstration is effective through December 31, 2027. Since its initial approval in 2005, the Global Commitment demonstration has played a pivotal role in broadening access to health care coverage, strengthening Vermont's public health and health-related services infrastructure, and driving reforms in health care payment and delivery.

With this amendment approval, Vermont can newly use Medicaid funds to pay for:

- **Rent** for up to six months for Vermonters who are homeless
- **Medical respite** services for up to six months for Vermonters who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Medical respite settings provide a safe and stable place for individuals transitioning out of institutional settings who are at risk of inpatient hospitalizations or emergency department visits to recover and receive care.
- Up to \$10.9 million to **build capacity** among housing providers and other partners to launch these important services.

[Proposed GCR 24-028](#) outlines Vermont's Agency of Human Services intent to amend its Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration and [Final GCR 24-028](#) outlines the submission of this amendment.

### **Effective Date:**

January 1, 2025

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

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#)

### **Population Affected:**

Vermont's entire Medicaid population – including both State Plan and expansion groups – falls under the purview of the Global Commitment demonstration.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

No impact. The Global Commitment demonstration must be budget neutral.

**Additional Information:**

All documents related to [Vermont's Global Commitment to Health 1115 Demonstration](#) can be found on the AHS website at this link.

[The CMS Amendment Approval Letter](#) can be found at this link.