

## Global Commitment to Health Demonstration Amendment: Abbreviated Public Notice

March 20, 2024

Vermont's Agency of Human Services (AHS) is providing public notice of its intent to amend its Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration, [Vermont Global Commitment to Health](#) (Global Commitment) to address the mental health, substance use, and housing crises in the State, in addition to enabling an innovative new payment methodology. The State is soliciting public comment on these requests before submitting its amendment application to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Through an amendment to the Global Commitment demonstration, Vermont intends to expand access to care for Vermonters with mental health conditions and substance use disorders (SUD), provide housing and other supports to promote whole-person health, and advance payment and delivery system reforms by instituting Medicaid hospital global payments. Specifically, the State is seeking new authority to:

- Transition Community Rehabilitation and Treatment (CRT) and Mental Health Under 22 benefits to the Medicaid State Plan;
- Cover room and board for the duration of Medicaid enrollees' medically necessary treatment at residential mental health and SUD facilities, excluding institutions for mental diseases (IMDs);
- Expand eligibility for the SUD Community Intervention and Treatment (CIT) Group so that all Vermonters with SUD with incomes above Medicaid income limits up to and including 225% of the federal poverty level (FPL) are eligible;
- Provide new medical respite and rent/temporary housing benefits for eligible individuals as part of the Supportive Housing Assistance Pilot;
- Receive federal Medicaid matching funds for investments in infrastructure to support capacity building among community-based organizations, social services providers, and other community partners to enhance their ability to deliver health-related social needs (HRSN) services, in addition to supporting statewide capacity to enable delivery of housing services under Medicaid;
- Add an environmental and assistive adaptations benefit, defined as physical adaptations, services, or technology necessary to ensure health and safety of the individual or to enable greater independence, to the Developmental Disabilities Services benefit package; and
- Institute Medicaid hospital global payments.

A copy of the proposed Global Commitment demonstration amendment application and a detailed public notice with more information about the amendment request are available on the AHS website at <https://humanservices.vermont.gov/about-us/medicaid-administration/global-commitment-health-1115-waiver/1115-waiver-documents>.

The 30-day public comment period for the Global Commitment demonstration amendment is from Wednesday, March 20, 2024, to Friday, April 19, 2024. All comments must be received no later than 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on Friday, April 19, 2024.

Written comments may be sent to the following address; please indicate "1115 Amendment Public Comment" in the written message:

Medicaid Policy Unit  
280 State Drive, NOB 1 South  
Waterbury, VT 05671-1010

Comments may also be emailed to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov). Please indicate “1115 Amendment Public Comment” in the subject line of the email message.

AHS will host two public hearings to solicit stakeholder comments.

**First Public Hearing (In-Person Only)**

Friday, April 5 from 9:00 – 9:30 AM ET  
Charlotte Library  
115 Ferry Rd  
Charlotte, VT 05445

**Second Public Hearing (Virtual and In-Person)**

Wednesday, April 10 from 9:30 – 10:00 AM ET

***Virtual Meeting Details***

Call in: +1 802-552-8456,,53132956#  
Phone Conference ID: 531 329 56#  
Video Conference: <https://bit.ly/48FwCFL>  
Meeting ID: 298 196 082 421  
Passcode: kYR68M

***In-Person Meeting Details***

*Please note that a form of identification is required to enter the building. For individuals requiring accommodations, please send requests to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov) no later than one week in advance of the hearing and AHS will work to meet these needs.*

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