



February 1, 2016

Mr. Hal Cohen
Secretary
State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Dear Mr. Cohen:

This letter provides approval of the Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS) Cost Allocation Plan (Plan) amendment, which was transmitted by letter dated March 25, 2015. The revisions include changes within the Agency of Human Services to the Central Office, Department of Children & Families, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, Department of Vermont Health Access, Vermont Department of Health, and the Department of Mental Health. This amendment, which was submitted in accordance with 45 CFR 95, Subpart E, is effective January 1, 2015.

Acceptance of the actual costs in accordance with the approved Plan is subject to the following conditions:

1. The information contained in the Plan and provided by the State in connection with our review of the Plan is complete and accurate in all material respects.
2. The actual costs claimed by the State are allowable under prevailing cost principles, program regulations and law.
3. The claims conform with the administrative and statutory limitations against which they are made.
4. Based on CMS letter to Vermont dated May 29, 2007,
 - All current and future PACAP revisions for each AHS Department should comply with Federal regulations regardless of the status of the Global Commitment to Health waiver. The Office of Vermont Health Access administrative expenses and allocation methodologies should comply with Federal regulations at 45 CFR 95.507 (a) and (b) and 42 CFR 433.15.

- A general reference to the Global Commitment to Health waiver at the beginning of each AHS Department's allocation methodology should be indicated by an asterisk attached to each Plan Department number and allocation methodology that is affected by the waiver.
5. Approval of this amendment is based on the State of Vermont October 16, 2015, November 18, 2015 and December 31, 2015 email responses to Cost Allocation Services (CAS).

This approval relates only to the methods of identifying and allocating costs to programs, and nothing contained herein should be construed as approving activities not otherwise authorized by approved program plans or Federal legislation and regulations.

Implementation of the approved cost allocation plan may subsequently be reviewed by authorized Federal staff. The disclosure of inequities during reviews may require changes to the Plan.

If you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter, please contact Amritha Sugrim-Singh of my staff at 212-264-4300. Please submit your next proposed Plan amendment electronically via email to CAS-NY@psc.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Cost Allocation Services

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