

The State of Vermont, Agency of Human Services (AHS), plans to submit an extension request for the period from 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2021 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for its Section 1115(e) Demonstration Waiver: Global Commitment (GC) to Health. The GC Demonstration was designed to test the hypothesis that greater program flexibility in the use of Medicaid resources and the lessening of federal restrictions on Medicaid services would permit the State to better meet the needs of Vermont's uninsured, underinsured and Medicaid beneficiaries for the same or lower cost. Specifically, the GC Demonstration aims to: 1) increase access to affordable and high-quality health care, 2) improve access to primary care, 3) improve the health care delivery for individuals with chronic care needs, 4) contain health care costs, and 5) allow beneficiaries a choice in long-term services and supports and provide an array of home- and community-based alternatives recognized to be more cost-effective than institutional-based supports. This extension request makes no changes to the Demonstration currently in effect.

Summary of Extension Proposal for effective date of January 1, 2017:

- Continue the current public Medicaid managed care model and all current payment and service system flexibilities;
- Continue premium subsidies for individuals with incomes up to and including 300% of FPL who purchase insurance through the Health Benefit Exchange;
- Continue coverage of existing home and community-based programs;
- Continue coverage of specialized mental health services through continuation of the Community Rehabilitation and Treatment Program benefit;
- Continue authorities and preserve choice for Long Term Support and Service beneficiaries.

The complete draft extension request, including financial data (preliminary budget neutrality data from 2017 through 2019; the current Demonstration Special Terms and Conditions; and the 2015 Interim Program Evaluation can be found at:

<http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/1115-global-commitment-waiver-extension-request>.

These documents can also be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) District Offices or by calling (802) 355-8843.

Public Hearings will be held on 11/12/2015 from 2:00pm-2:30pm following a 1:30pm presentation about the Global Commitment to Health extension request to the DAIL Advisory Board at the Comfort Inn, 213 Paine Turnpike N, Montpelier, VT 05602 (call in number: 1-866-951-1151 Room #1880970), and on 11/23/2015 from 3:00pm-3:30pm following a presentation about the Global Commitment to Health extension request to the Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Board at 2:30pm at the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA), 312 Hurricane Lane, Suite 201, Williston, VT 05495 (call in number: 1-877-273-4202, Guest Pin # 8327340). Written comments on the draft are due 12/10/2015 by 4:30pm. Written comments should be sent via email to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov or by mail to Dylan Frazer at 208 Hurricane Lane, Williston, VT 05495. Comments received will be posted to the DVHA website for viewing by 4:30pm on 12/21/2015.

If you need special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please notify Dylan Frazer at (802) 355-8843.