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Global Commitment Register

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CLARIFICATION

****COVID-19 Emergency Response****

[Please see the Department of Vermont Health Access COVID-19 site for important information](#)

Waive Home Health and Hospice Conditions of Participation

Policy Summary:

As part of the response to the [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#), Vermont Medicaid is taking steps to ensure Vermonters have access to necessary care and that health care professionals can deliver that care in a safe and timely way. To this end, the following flexibilities are temporarily being instituted for home health and hospice:

- 1) Modify deadlines for OASIS and Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessments and transmission from within 30 days of completing the assessment to the end of the public health emergency.
- 2) Suspend the requirement for supervision of hospice aides by a registered nurse every 14 days.
- 3) Suspend the requirement for supervision of home health aides by a registered nurse every 14 days.
- 4) Allow home health and hospice services to be delivered by telephone when clinically appropriate. This includes the face-to-face visit with a physician for the initiation of care under Medicaid.

Additional information is available at the [Department of Vermont Health Access COVID-19 site](#).

Effective Date:

Effective March 1, 2020, lasting for the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#): Waiver authority #5 [Section 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30)]; Special Term and Condition #29.

[COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Additional Information:

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