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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](#)

Global Commitment 1115 Waiver Home- and Community-Based Services Flexibilities

Policy Summary:

As part of the response to the [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#), Vermont Medicaid has received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for certain additional flexibilities in its Home- and Community- Based Services (HCBS) programs. These flexibilities are beyond those already permitted under the Global Commitment to Health (GC) 1115 waiver. This has been temporarily approved under the GC 1115 waiver as Attachment R. While [Attachment R outlines the HCBS flexibilities that are available to the State](#), implementation may vary by program, and providers and beneficiaries should seek guidance from HCBS programs directly to understand how these flexibilities are or will be implemented, with the understanding that certain flexibilities will adapt over time or be phased out as the crisis evolves.

Please visit the [Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living COVID-19 response page](#) for information about HCBS services offered through the Choices for Care, Developmental Services, and Traumatic Brain Injury Programs.

Please visit the [Department of Mental Health \(DMH\) COVID-19 response page](#) for information about its mental health HCBS programs.

Effective Date:

January 27, 2020

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:

[CMS approval of HCBS flexibilities in Attachment R.](#)

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