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CLARIFICATION

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

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School-Based Clinician and Concurrent Education Rehabilitation and Treatment Minimum Service Thresholds

Policy Summary:

As part of the response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Vermont Medicaid is temporarily lowering the minimum service thresholds for the School-Based Clinician (SBC) and Concurrent Education Rehabilitation and Treatment (CERT) programs. A lower minimum service threshold means that providers can receive their regular payment for services based on fewer units of service.

For the SBC program, the minimum service threshold will be changed from 120 minutes to 60 mins per member per month. For the CERT program, the minimum service threshold will be changed from 120 minutes to 15 minutes (2 units) per day.

This change will help stabilize provider staffing for these programs to ensure that individuals will continue to have access to school-based mental health. The regular minimum service thresholds will be restored effective July 1, 2022.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

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: School-aged Medicaid beneficiaries.

Fiscal Impact: This change is expected to be budget neutral.

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