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CLARIFICATION

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

Choices for Care, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Children's Personal Care—Service Authorization Extensions

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.

- Currently approved service authorizations for Choices for Care, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Children's Personal Care enrolled beneficiaries will be extended for up to one year at the amount previously determined medically necessary.
- During the public health emergency, any assessments or reassessments of beneficiaries due to a change will be allowed via telephone when two-way audio and video communication is not available. Providers must document when services are delivered by telephone or real-time audio and video and must resume face-to-face visits when safe allowable.

Additional information is available at:

[Department of Disabilities, Aging, And Independent Living COVID-19 Information](#)

[Vermont Department of Health COVID-19 Information for Families](#)

Effective Date:

March 1, 2020

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#)

[COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

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