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Physician Assistant Licensure Changes—Medicaid Impact

SPA 21-0005 has been approved by CMS.

Policy Summary:

Vermont Medicaid has implemented changes in accordance with Vermont Act 123, enacted July 2020, and related to physician assistant licensure.

Physician assistants who enroll with Vermont Medicaid may:

- Act as a treating provider and receive direct reimbursement for services delivered.
- Choose to be listed as a primary care provider.

Physician assistant services are limited to those covered by Vermont Medicaid and as permitted by federal law. Physician assistants must enroll with Vermont Medicaid and adhere to all Medicaid rules and requirements.

Services delivered by a physician assistant will continue to be reimbursed at the lesser of billed charges or 90% of the physician rate.

This change will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as State Plan Amendment (SPA) #21-0005. This change also applies to the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) for the New Adult Group. The ABP replicates the full Medicaid State Plan and includes the 10 essential health benefits required under the Affordable Care Act, as well as the full range of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services for individuals under the age of 21.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2021

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[Vermont Act 123 of 2020](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

This change is anticipated to be budget neutral.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended December 28, 2020. No comments were received.

Additional Information:

Click here to view the GCR final policy for [20-105: Physician Assistant Licensure Changes—
Medicaid Impact](#).

The following State Plan page was added:

- Attachment 3.1-A page 3d(7)

Click here for the [updated State Plan](#) on the Agency of Human Services website.