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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 20-011  
PROPOSED

## **Children's Integrated Services Payment Model**

### **Policy Summary:**

Vermont Medicaid is proposing to modify the payment methodology for the Children's Integrated Services (CIS) program. CIS provides health promotion, prevention, and early intervention services to pregnant and postpartum individuals, infants and children birth to age six. In addition to streamlining program requirements and administration for early childhood services, CIS also combines Medicaid funding for covered services into a bundled, per member per month (PMPM) case rate.

In 2019, Vermont's Department of Children and Families fielded a detailed survey of providers to obtain updated data on costs of providing services. This information, in conjunction with Bureau of Labor Statistics wage and salary information, has been used to inform the development of service and case rates, and will be used to calculate a monthly statewide case rate going forward. The statewide case rate, which is intended to address variable payment rates between regions, was originally scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2020. The implementation date was postponed to July 1, 2020 to allow for a more gradual transition for those regions that would experience a case rate reduction. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in an additional delay to October 1, 2020.

Effective October 1, 2020, regional CIS case rates will move to a statewide rate of \$516.53 PMPM. Additional notice will be provided for any proposed future changes in case rates as the State continues to work with providers to ensure access to quality services throughout the state.

### **Effective Date:**

October 1, 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.

### **Population Affected:**

Pregnant and postpartum individuals, infants and children birth to age six.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This policy is expected to be budget neutral.

**Public Comment Period:**

September 10, 2020 – September 30, 2020

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