



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Global Commitment Register

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GCR 20-063
PROPOSED

Home Health Services – Ordering Providers

Policy Summary:

Vermont Medicaid is making changes to allow additional provider types to order Home Health Services. These changes are a result of the Federal CARES Act in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. These are permanent changes that are not limited to the duration of the public health emergency.

1. Physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists may order home health services in addition to physicians.

This change applies to the following services provided by a home health agency:

- Part time or intermittent nursing services,
- Home health aide services,
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech language pathology services.

2. Durable, medical equipment, and supplies may be ordered by a licensed medical provider acting within the scope of their practice as authorized under Vermont State law.

This change will be submitted to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare services as State Plan Amendment (SPA) # 21-0001. This service will also be added to the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) for the New Adult Group through SPA 20-0003. 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](#)

[Section 3708 of the CARES Act](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact

Public Comment Period:

November 18, 2020 – December 18, 2020

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

There is no public meeting scheduled at this time. If one should be scheduled, that information can be found at: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/> either through the calendar or listed under upcoming events.

To be added to the GCR email list, send an email to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

Additional information:

The draft SPA provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft SPA can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on the [Agency of Human Services website](#).