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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 21-023  
PROPOSED

## **Ambulatory Surgical Centers Reimbursement Change**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is proposing to use the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (often referred to as “OPPS”) methodology that is currently used for hospitals to reimburse Ambulatory Surgical Centers. Currently, Ambulatory Surgical Centers are reimbursed using the Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) physician payment methodology. The Outpatient Prospective Payment System methodology will provide more appropriate reimbursement for Ambulatory Surgical Centers, which are outpatient facilities. It will also align the Vermont Medicaid Ambulatory Surgical Center reimbursement methodology with certain other state Medicaid programs.

This will entail a change to the claim form that Ambulatory Surgical Centers will use to bill Vermont Medicaid. For dates of service beginning July 1, 2021 and onward, Ambulatory Surgical Centers will submit claims to Vermont Medicaid on a UB-04 claim form in order to be reimbursed using the Outpatient Prospective Payment System payment methodology.

Ambulatory Surgical Center reimbursement will be aligned with the standard and out-of-state Outpatient Prospective Payment System payment percentage, which is currently 82% of the national Medicare median payment. Ambulatory Surgical Centers will be reimbursed using all the current rules included in the Vermont Medicaid Outpatient Prospective Payment System payment methodology, which can be found in the [Medicaid State Plan](#).

Services provided by Ambulatory Surgical Centers will also be added to the Medicaid State Plan at Attachment 3.1-A (State Plan Amendment 21-0013).

### **Effective Date:**

July 1, 2021

### **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:**

All Medicaid

**Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$226,468.

**Public Comment Period:**

June 24, 2021 – July 26, 2021

Send comments to:

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**Additional Information:**

The draft Global Commitment Amended State Plan pages and the draft State Plan Amendment page provide additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft pages can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on [Agency of Human Services website](#).