Global Commitment Register
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PROPOSED

RBRVS Fee Schedule Update

Policy Summary:
The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is updating its Medicaid State Plan reimbursement methodology for Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) payments, including changes to the primary care conversion factor and the standard conversion factor.

In keeping with the process of using the best available data and alignment with Medicare, DVHA will adopt the calendar year 2022 Medicare relative value units (RVUs), which are the basis of RBRVS payments and reflect the most recent data published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The primary care conversion factor will decrease from $36.09 to $33.60 to align with Medicare. The standard conversion factor will decrease from $29.71 to $28.54.

Effective Date:
January 1, 2022

Authority/Legal Basis:
This change is being done through Global Commitment to Health waiver authority, where DVHA may establish rates with providers on an individual or class basis without regard to the rates currently set forth in the approved 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 $9,309,448.

Public Comment Period:
December 17, 2021 – January 17, 2022

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**Additional Information:**
The draft Global Commitment Amended State Plan page provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft page 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.