



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
280 State Drive, Center Building
Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

Global Commitment Register

May 27, 2021

GCR 21-039
PROPOSED

Home and Community-Based Services Opportunity Survey

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS) is seeking immediate input on a spending plan to enhance, expand, and/or strengthen Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS). All Vermont HCBS providers, associations, and advocacy organizations are encouraged to respond as soon as possible. **To have your input included in the initial spending plan required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), please respond to this survey by close of business on **June 3, 2021**.** Estimated time to complete the survey is three (3) minutes.

Take the survey here: [HCBS FMAP Opportunity Survey](#)

Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan provides qualifying states with a temporary 10 percentage point increase to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for certain Medicaid expenditures for HCBS. States must use the funds to supplement, not supplant, existing state funded expended for Medicaid HCBS, and states must use the funds to enhance, expand, and/or strengthen HCBS under the Medicaid program.

To take advantage of this funding opportunity, AHS needs to submit an initial spending plan to CMS by June 12, 2021. While AHS intends to submit an initial spending plan by the federally required due date, AHS is seeking stakeholder input for this initial plan and anticipated revisions to the plan at a later date. **Please note, this is only the first opportunity to provide input. AHS will be making further opportunities available during the summer prior to the development of the revised spending plan.**

Effective Date:

The enhanced FMAP is available April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022. States will be permitted to use the state funds equivalent to the amount of federal funds attributable to the increased FMAP through March 31, 2024.

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan](#)

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#)

Population Affected:

Medicaid

Public Comment Period:

Survey open through June 3, 2021

Send comments via this survey: [HCBS FMAP Opportunity Survey](#)

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

Additional Information:

Services eligible for the 10 percent enhanced FMAP include HCBS authorized under the 1115 Global Commitment waiver and the Medicaid State Plan. Eligible services are:

State Plan Services	HCBS authorized under 1115 waiver
Home Health Care	Choices for Care Highest/High (excludes skilled nursing facilities)
Personal Care Services	Developmental Disability Services
Self-Directed Personal Care Services	Traumatic Brain Injury Program
Case Management	Children's Mental Health
School Based Services	Community, Rehabilitation & Treatment (CRT) <i>(for participants who are Medicaid-eligible only)</i>
Rehabilitative Services	Choices for Care Moderate Needs <i>(for participants who are Medicaid-eligible only)</i>
Private Duty Nursing	

States can implement a variety of activities to enhance, expand, and/or strengthen Medicaid HCBS. Examples include infrastructure improvements and grants to providers. Activities must be prior-approved by CMS.