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Agency of Human Services  
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# Global Commitment Register

November 24, 2015

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GCR 15-003  
PROPOSED

## **Interrupted Psychiatric Stays**

### **Policy Summary:**

This proposed policy aligns psychiatric billing requirements and reimbursement with the current Medicare Policy 190.7.1 regarding interrupted psychiatric inpatient stays. An interrupted stay occurs when an individual is discharged or transferred to a medical floor from an inpatient psychiatric facility and readmitted to the same or another inpatient psychiatric facility before midnight on the third consecutive day following the discharge from the original inpatient psychiatric facility.

For an interrupted stay where a patient is discharged and readmitted to the same facility, interrupted stays will be considered continuous for the purposes of applying the variable per diem adjustment. The interrupted stay is treated as one stay and one discharge for the purposes of payment. Facilities are expected to hold claims for 3 days to ensure a readmission does not occur.

For an interrupted stay where a patient is discharged and readmitted to a different inpatient psychiatric facility, the interrupted stay is also considered continuous for the purposes of applying the variable per diem.

### **Effective Date:**

January 1, 2016

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

Global Commitment to Health 1115 Waiver. The 2015 GC approval documents are available here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/global-commitment-to-health-1115-waiver-2015-documents>.

### **Population Affected:**

Medicaid population.

### **Total Fiscal Impact (gross):**

	Current State Fiscal Year	Next State Fiscal Year
Federal Savings	(\$6,050)	(\$12,100)

State Savings	(\$4,950)	(\$9,900)
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**Public Comment Period:**

November 24, 2015 - December 17, 2015

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto: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.

Comments received will be posted to the [proposed GCR policy page](#) by December 28, 2015.