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# 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 (CF).

In keeping with its process of using the best available data and alignment with Medicare, DVHA will adopt the CY 2018 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 impact of updates to the new RVUs to providers is an overall increase of 0.5%. The primary care CF will increase from \$35.89 to \$35.99 to align with Medicare. DVHA will not change the standard CF at this time and it will remain at \$28.71.

### **Effective Date:**

July 1, 2018

### **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 #28.

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$551,000.

### **Public Comment Period:**

5/31/18 – 6/30/18

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.

**Additional Information:**

The draft Global Commitment Amended State Plan page provides 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 the DVHA website: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/global-commitment-register-proposed-policy-changes>.