



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

Global Commitment Register

June 28, 2019

GCR 19-030
PROPOSED

Medicaid State Plan Home Health Services Rate Increase

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is proposing to increase the rates for Medicaid State Plan Home Health Services by 2% for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020. This rate increase will apply to home health, hospice, and high-tech nursing State Plan services. This rate increase is part of the SFY 2020 budget appropriation from the Vermont State Legislature. Further details on the rate changes can be found under “Additional Information” below.

Effective Date:

July 1, 2019

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.

[Act 72 of 2019 Legislative Session](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$300,000.

Public Comment Period:

6/28/19 – 7/29/19

Send comments to:

AHS Medicaid Policy Unit
280 State Drive, Center Building

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Or submit via e-mail to 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 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 the DVHA website: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/global-commitment-register-proposed-policy-changes>

Proposed rate changes for State Plan Home Health Services SFY2020 can be found on the next page.

Other HHA & Hospice 2% increase Effective 07/01/2019

Revenue Code	Revenue Code Description	Provider Type	Provider Specialty	Current Rate	New Rate
420	PHYSICAL THERAPY	010	S20	\$123.35	\$125.82
430	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	010	S20	\$124.16	\$126.64
440	SPEECH THERAPY	010	S20	\$133.90	\$136.58
550	SKILLED NURSING	010	S20	\$112.80	\$115.06
551	SKILLED NURSING, SVCS, VISIT CHARGE	010	S20	\$112.80	\$115.06
559	INITIAL HOME HEALTH ASSESMENT VISIT	000	000	\$104.15	\$106.23
560	MEDICAL SOCIAL SVCS, GENERAL	010	S20	\$180.69	\$184.30
561	MEDICAL SOCIAL SVCS, VISIT CHARGE	010	S19	\$116.52	\$118.85
561	MEDICAL SOCIAL SVCS, VISIT CHARGE	010	S20	\$116.52	\$118.85
562	MEDICAL SOCIAL SVCS, HOURLY CHARGE	010	S19	\$116.52	\$118.85
562	MEDICAL SOCIAL SVCS, HOURLY CHARGE	010	S20	\$116.52	\$118.85
570	HOME HEALTH - HOME HEALTH AIDE	010	S20	\$12.77	\$13.03
580	OTHER HOME HEALTH VISITS, GENERAL	010	S20	\$14.31	\$14.60
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589	OTHER HOME HEALTH VISITS (HOMEMAKER SERVICES ARE NOT COVERED; DENY EOB 091) FOR OTHER, SEND TO UR TO ASK DSW	010	S20	\$14.31	\$14.60
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Revenue Code	Revenue Code Description	Provider Type	Provider Specialty	Current Rural Rate	New Rural Rate	Current Urban Rate	New Urban Rate
651	HOSPICE SVCS, ROUTINE HOME CARE (DAILY RATE)	000	000	\$192.06	\$198.97	\$200.16	\$204.16
651	HOSPICE SVCS, ROUTINE HOME CARE (DAILY RATE)	999	999	\$150.99	\$156.43	\$157.38	\$160.53
655	HOSPICE SVCS, INPATIENT RESPITE CARE	000	000	\$182.45	\$187.92	\$188.47	\$192.24
656	HOSPICE SVCS, GENERAL INPATIENT CARE	000	000	\$741.48	\$768.17	\$770.55	\$785.96
652	HOSPICE SERVICES, CONTINUOUS HOME CARE (PER DIEM RATE PRIOR TO 3-1-93; HOURLY RATE AS OF 3-1-93)	000	000	\$38.90	\$42.56	\$40.54	\$41.35

High Tech Rate Changes Effective 07/01/2019

CODE	CURRENT RATE	2% INCREASE	NEW RATE
Pediatric High-Tech			
G0299HTHA	\$13.00	\$0.26	\$13.26
G0300HTHA	\$13.00	\$0.26	\$13.26
T1001HTHA	\$70.09	\$1.40	\$71.49
Adult High-Tech			
G0299HTHB	\$13.00	\$0.26	\$13.26
G0300HTHB	\$13.00	\$0.26	\$13.26
T1001HTHB	\$70.09	\$1.40	\$71.49