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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 19-032  
PROPOSED

## **Medicaid Transportation Reimbursement Rates**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) administers emergency and non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) for Medicaid beneficiaries. Emergency transportation is provided via ambulance. NEMT rides are provided through the Vermont Public Transportation Association; beneficiaries can also receive non-emergent transportation via ambulance when other forms of transportation would be medically contra-indicated.

DVHA is proposing to increase the rates for ambulance services to better align with Medicare reimbursement rates. This rate increase is part of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 budget appropriation from the Vermont State Legislature. Further details on the rate changes can be found under “Additional Information” below. NEMT is paid at a per member, per week rate of \$34 per unique member. The NEMT rate is not changing at this time and does not include ambulance services.

### **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.

[H.542 of the 2019 Legislative Session](#)

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$243,156.69.

**Public Comment Period:**

June 20, 2019 – July 22, 2019

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.

To be added to the GCR email list, send an email to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov).

**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 ambulance procedure codes for SFY2020 are as follows:

<b>Procedure Codes</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>New Rate effective 7/1/19</b>
A0425	\$5.82	\$6.04
A0426	\$217.63	\$226.23
A0427	\$344.58	\$358.20
A0428	\$181.36	\$188.53
A0429	\$290.17	\$301.64
A0433	\$268.54	\$518.45
A0434	\$589.41	\$612.71