



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Global Commitment Register

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PROPOSED

Proposed Amendment to Vermont's Global Commitment to Health 1115 Demonstration

Vermont is submitting to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) a request to amend Vermont's Section 1115 Global Commitment to Health Demonstration (11-W-00194/1) pursuant to the opportunity described in the November 13, 2018 SMDL, and as specified in Vermont's formal request submitted on January 29, 2018.

Vermont is not requesting any changes to the Global Commitment's covered populations, cost sharing, or the current budget neutrality agreement as part of this amendment.

This proposed amendment request seeks to ensure the continued availability of treatment supports that effectively treat serious mental illness (SMI) and severe emotional disturbance (SED), and promote a comprehensive and integrated continuum of mental and physical health, OUD/SUD treatment, and long-term services and supports for all Vermonters. Specifically, Vermont is seeking a waiver of federal financial participation (FFP) restrictions on payments to Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs) for individuals ages 22 to 64 receiving mental health treatment. Under the terms of this waiver opportunity, FFP will only be claimed for services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries during short term stays for acute care and when the statewide average length of stay meets the expectation of 30 days.

Effective Date:

Anticipated 1/1/2020

Authority/Legal Basis:

[SMD # 18—011 RE: Opportunities to Design Innovative Service Delivery Systems for Adults with a Serious Mental Illness or Children with a Serious Emotional Disturbance](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

This change will be budget neutral.

Public Comment Period:

August 1, 2019 – September 1, 2019

Send comments to:

AHS Medicaid Policy Unit

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Or submit via e-mail to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

Comments received will be posted to the DVHA website for viewing by 4:30pm on 9/3/2019.

Additional information:

The [complete draft request is available here](#).