

Public Notice

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is filing Vermont Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) #15-011 to support the continued implementation of the Vermont Medicaid Shared Savings Program (VMSSP). The VMSSP is a three-year program beginning in 2014. The program enacts a methodology that is based on retrospective expenditures dating back to January 1, 2014. Now in its second performance year (calendar year 2015), the VMSSP is an agreement between Medicaid and provider organizations aimed to improve efficiency and quality of care delivery to Medicaid beneficiaries as well as share in any savings gained as a result of the providers care delivery transformation activities. This SPA will update the VMSSP attribution methodology for Year 2 to allow for better identification of beneficiaries being served by the provider organizations participating in the program, and will introduce additional performance metrics for which participating providers will be accountable during the second program year. The estimated annual impact of this change is neutral and does not increase or decrease the DVHA budget.

The Medicaid State Plan is being changed because it is one of the documents that providers rely upon for notice of payment methodologies and rates made by DVHA. The State Plan is also the guiding document for changes applicable to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The methodology changes in this Announcement will also apply to the Global Commitment (GC) to Health Waiver population. Changes to the GC population are being made pursuant to the flexibility authorized under the GC Waiver, specific to Sections 1902(a)(13) and 1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act, which allows the State, through DVHA, to establish rates with providers on an individual or class basis without regard to the rates currently set forth in the approved State Plan. The GC Waiver can be viewed at: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/global-commitment-to-health-1115-waiver-2015-documents>.

The draft SPA provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft SPA can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 879-5937, or can be found on the DVHA website: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/draft-versions-of-state-plan-changes>.

Submit written comments to the Agency of Human Services Medicaid Policy Unit, 208 Hurricane Lane, Williston, VT 05495, or submit via e-mail to AHS.Medicaidpolicy@state.vt.us. Comments must be received no later than 4:00 pm on July 15, 2015. Please reference the SPA number for which you are commenting. The DVHA hopes to post all comments received to the DVHA website for viewing no later than 4:00pm on July 24, 2015. 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.