

Public Announcement

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is filing Vermont Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) #15-025 to change the funding payment formula to disproportionate share (DSH) eligibility groups and to update the date references to the DSH payment year and the source cost report data for payments that will be made in Federal Fiscal Year 2016. There is no change in the total DSH allotment from the prior year.

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 SPAs provide additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft SPAs 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 DVHA Reimbursement Unit, 312 Hurricane Lane, Suite 201, Williston, VT 05495, or submit via e-mail to

AHS.DVHAREIMBURSEMENT@VERMONT.GOV. Comments must be received no later than 4:00 pm on August 20, 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 4:00 pm on September 3, 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.