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FINAL PROPOSED

Health Care Administrative Rules Update

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) has filed final proposed rules with the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) to amend the following administrative rules for Medicaid covered services.

- 4.222 Whole Blood (replaces Medicaid Covered Services Rule 7503)
- 4.224 Sterilizations and Related Procedures (replaces Medicaid Covered Services Rule 7309)
- 4.227 Hospice Services (replaces Medicaid Covered Services Rule 7402)

The final proposed rules set forth the criteria for coverage under Vermont's Medicaid program operated by the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA). They revise and will replace current Medicaid covered services rules as part of the sequential adoption of Health Care Administrative Rules. The rules are designed to improve public accessibility and comprehension of Vermont's Medicaid program. Amendments to the rules reflect existing practice and coverage policies for Medicaid in Vermont.

The final proposed rules are expected to be presented to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rule (LCAR) for review and approval on June 30, 2016 at 10:00am.

The Secretary of State rulemaking website and other additional information, including annotated versions of the final proposed rules, can be found below.

Effective Date:

The final proposed rules will be effective after receiving LCAR approval and upon submitting the adopted rule with SOS.

Authority/Legal Basis:

Adopting and rulemaking: 3 V.S.A. § 801(b) (11), 33 V.S.A. § 1901(a)(1)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.

Public Notice:

The public comment period ended on May 27, 2016.

A public hearing was held on May 20, 2016 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

No comments were received.

Additional Information:

The SOS references the proposed rules on its website as:

Rule 16P012 Whole Blood

Rule 16P013 Sterilizations and Related Procedures

Rule 16P011 Hospice Services

The posting can be viewed electronically at: <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>.

The annotated and non-annotated final proposed rules can be seen electronically at: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/budget-legislative/final-proposed-rule-changes>.

The DVHA rules that are currently in effect can be viewed electronically at: <http://humanservices.vermont.gov/on-line-rules/dvha>.

To get more information about the rulemaking process, see the website of the Office of the Secretary of State at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/administrative-rules.aspx>.