



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
280 State Drive, Center Building
Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

Global Commitment Register

June 7, 2016

GCR 16-036
PROPOSED

Hemochromatosis Genetic Test

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is adding the hemochromatosis genetic test (CPT code 81256) as a covered service requiring Prior Authorization. Hereditary hemochromatosis (he-moe-kroe-muh-TOE-sis) causes your body to absorb too much iron from the food you eat. Excess iron is stored in your organs, especially your liver, heart and pancreas. Too much iron can lead to life-threatening conditions, such as liver disease, heart problems, and diabetes. It is appropriate for testing of individuals who have a family history of hereditary hemochromatosis.

Effective Date:

July 1, 2016

Authority/Legal Basis:

These changes are being made under the Medicaid State Plan, which can be found here:
<http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.

Public Comment Period:

6/7/16 – 6/30/16

Send comments to:

AHS Medicaid Policy Unit
280 State Drive, Center Building
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Or submit via e-mail to 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. Comments received will be posted to the DVHA website by July 12, 2016 (link below).

Additional Information:

The DVHA Provider Fee Schedules can be viewed on the DVHA website here:
<http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/claims-processing-1>