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# Global Commitment Register

June 29, 2016

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GCR 16-055  
PROPOSED

## **Howard Center ARCh Program Rate**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) is seeking to increase the rate for the Accessing Resources for Children (ARCh) Program at the Howard Center. ARCh serves children and young adults up to the age of 22 who have an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, or an emotional or behavioral challenge. This rate increase is a result of a 2016 legislative session appropriation, as well as funding transferred from the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) to the Department of Mental Health.

### **Effective Date:**

July 1, 2016

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

Global Commitment to Health 1115 Waiver. The 2015 GC approval documents are available here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/global-commitment-to-health-1115-waiver-2015-documents>.

Act 172 of 2016, Sec. E.300.5:

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2016/Docs/ACTS/ACT172/ACT172%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

### **Population Affected:**

Children served by Howard Center's ARCh Program.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

State fiscal year 2017 Medicaid rate increase: \$23,545

Funding reallocated from DAIL for state fiscal year 2017: \$192,756

### **Public Comment Period:**

6/29/16 – 7/15/16

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov).

There is no public meeting scheduled at this time. If one should be scheduled, an updated Global Commitment Register notice will be issued.

Comments received will be posted to the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) website by August 1, 2016 here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/global-commitment-register-proposed-policy-changes>