



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Global Commitment Register

December 10, 2015

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PROPOSED

Update to Neonate Add-on Payments

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is filing Vermont Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) #16-003 to update the methodology as to when a claim will receive a neonate add-on payment and for how many days providers would receive the add-on payment. If a patient's length of stay (LOS) is less than or equal to the Medicare Geometric Mean LOS for the DRG assigned to that patient, the provider would no longer be eligible for a neonate add-on payment. If the patient's LOS is greater than the Geometric Mean LOS, the claim would then be eligible for the add-on payment for the number of days exceeding the mean. This change is being made as part of DVHA's annual review of reimbursement rates and methodologies in an effort to more accurately reimburse providers for the actual cost of care.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2016

Authority/Legal Basis:

These changes are being made pursuant to 42 CFR §430.12(c)(1)(ii) under the Medicaid State Plan, which can be found here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.

Population Affected:

Those receiving and providing inpatient neonatal care.

Fiscal Impact:

	State Fiscal Year 2016	State Fiscal Year 2017
State Savings	(\$351,835)	(\$697,260)
Federal Savings	(\$411,365)	(\$829,140)
Total Savings	(\$763,200)	(\$1,526,400)

Public Comment Period:

December 10, 2015 – December 24, 2015

Send comments to:
AHS Medicaid Policy Unit
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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 December 31, 2015 (link below).

Additional Information:

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) 355-8843, or can be found on the DVHA website: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/global-commitment-register-proposed-policy-changes>.