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Global Commitment Register

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PROPOSED

Vermont Medicaid All Payer Model ACO Program

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is preparing for implementation of the Vermont Medicaid All Payer Model Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Program. This program is a three-year program with two optional one-year extensions. The program is an agreement between Medicaid and provider organizations (under an umbrella ACO) that aims to hold providers accountable for patient quality of care and costs. By providing a prospective, all-inclusive, population-based capitation payment to providers for a set of defined health services, the program seeks to improve the efficiency and quality of care delivery to the program's assigned Medicaid beneficiaries, and provide the opportunity for an ACO to perform their own utilization and care management activities.

The All Payer Model ACO Program builds off of Vermont's current Medicaid ACO program, the Vermont Medicaid Shared Savings Program (VMSSP), which began in 2014 and is now in its third and final performance year. Because the VMSSP offered an upside-only risk arrangement (in which ACOs are not responsible for shared losses), the All Payer Model ACO program's full financial risk requirement goes further than the VMSSP to hold providers accountable for patient outcomes and costs.

Additional information regarding this program can be found below. More detailed information will be available later in the summer of 2016, once any vendors for the All Pay Model ACO Program have been selected through the procurement process and actuarial analysis has been conducted to set financial benchmarks and payment amounts. Once this information is available, a second public notice will be issued.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2017

Authority/Legal Basis:

Global Commitment to Health Waiver - Sections 1902(a)(13) and 1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act

Population Affected:

Attributed Medicaid beneficiaries under the GC waiver.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated fiscal impact will be issued in a second public notice once the details of this program are better defined.

Public Comment Period:

July 14, 2016 – August 14, 2016

Send comments to:

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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, an updated Global Commitment Register notice will be issued.

Additional information:

Documents describing the Vermont Medicaid All Payer Model ACO Program:

- [Coverage document](#)
- [Reimbursement document](#)

The VMSSP is described in the Medicaid State Plan. Attachment 3.1-A pages 13 through 13E describe VMSSP coverage. Attachment 4.19-B pages 12 through 16 describe VMSSP reimbursement. The Medicaid State Plan is available here:

<http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.