



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

Global Commitment Register

September 6, 2016

GCR 16-023
PROPOSED

Family Supportive Housing Providers

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services is proposing to add coverage of a new service, Family Supportive Housing (FSH) Targeted Case Management. Family Supportive Housing provides intensive, customized, case management services and service coordination to families experiencing homelessness who present with a higher degree of complexity and service need. Among families meeting threshold eligibility criteria for participation, priority is given to: (1) Families that have experienced multiple episodes of homelessness; (2) Families who have an active case with the state Family Services Division; and (3) Families with a child under the age of six.

Program funding supports local FSH Service Coordinators who begin working with a participant family while still homeless (often in a shelter or publicly-funded motel) and stay with them through their first 24 months in housing, at a minimum. The FSH Service Coordinator provides services, supports and coordination focused on helping families set and achieve goals in the domains of: housing stability and tenant responsibility; self-sufficiency; employment and financial capability; child safety and parenting; family health and wellness; and substance abuse recovery.

Local FSH grantees enter into Memoranda of Understanding with local property owners to help participant families access affordable housing, which is viewed as both key to family stability and central to program design.

FSH providers will serve a case load of 12-15 individuals/families per month. In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017, providers will be reimbursed \$400 per member per month.

Effective Date:

October 1, 2016

Authority/Legal Basis:

These services are being provided under the Medicaid State Plan, available here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.

The reimbursement methodology and provider network have been established under the Global Commitment to Health Waiver, available here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/global-commitment-to-health-1115-waiver-2015-documents>.

Population Affected:

All Medicaid.

Fiscal Impact:

	State Fiscal Year 2017	State Fiscal Year 2018
State	\$199,010	\$286,097
Federal	\$237,990	\$341,103
Total	\$437,000	\$627,200

Public Comment Period:

September 6, 2016 – September 30, 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 October 14, 2016 (link below).

Proposed policies and any comments received can be found in the Global Commitment Register, available here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/global-commitment-register-proposed-policy-changes>.

Additional Information:

Qualified Providers of Family Supportive Housing Targeted Case Management:

Qualified case managers are those providers who, based on their education, training and experiences have been designated as such by either the Agency of Human Services or the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (now DCF).

Agency of Human Services Provider Designation:

Before a service provider is eligible to bill for housing transition services or housing and tenancy sustaining services through Vermont's Family Supportive Housing program, all of the following conditions must be met:

1. The provider must become enrolled with Medicaid.

2. The provider must be designated as an FSH provider by the Agency of Human Services.
 - a. In order to be designated, the following conditions must be met:
 - i. The provider agency must be a Vermont 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
 - ii. The provider agency must have an executed Memorandum of Understanding with an owner of affordable housing. This MOU must be approved by the Agency of Human Services.
 - iii. The provider agency must enter into a written agreement with the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity detailing ongoing expectations on:
 1. Quarterly reporting on AHS' Family Supportive Housing Outcomes.
 2. Participation in trainings and Family Supportive Housing Community of Practice.
 3. Program and financial monitoring.