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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 16-106  
PROPOSED

## **Alternative Benefit Plan Benchmark and Benefit Delivery**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is filing State Plan Amendment 17-0001 to update the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) for the New Adult Group. The ABP replicates the full Medicaid State Plan, and includes the 10 essential health benefits required under the Affordable Care Act, as well as the full range of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services for individuals under the age of 21. The ABP was originally designed based on a 2012 base benchmark plan. This is being updated to a 2014 base benchmark plan pursuant to 45 CFR §156.110. The 2014 base benchmark plan (BCBS Vermont Health Plan, LLC, CDHP-HMO) has the same benefits package as the 2012 plan of the same name. This means that the ABP benefits are not changing, but the ABP is being amended to reflect this 2014 base benchmark plan.

DVHA is also amending the delivery model summary in the ABP to describe the renewed Global Commitment to Health 1115 Demonstration.

### **Effective Date:**

January 1, 2017

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

These changes are being made pursuant to 45 CFR §156.110 and 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:**

New Adult Group.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

No fiscal impact.

### **Public Comment Period:**

11/30/16 – 12/30/16

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, 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 January 13, 2017.

**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>.