

Global Commitment Register

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Pharmacy Copayments—Temporary Elimination

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program is temporarily eliminating pharmacy copayments for all medications in response to the cybersecurity incident impacting Change Healthcare, Vermont's pharmacy benefit administrator.

This is one of the steps Vermont Medicaid is taking in response to the Change Healthcare outage impacting Medicaid enrolled pharmacies' ability to fill prescriptions, submit claims, and accurately assess copayments due from Medicaid members.

Pharmacy copayments will be waived effective February 21, 2024, and lasting until Vermont Medicaid claims processing fully resumes.

Effective Date:

February 21, 2024

Authority/Legal Basis:

Medicaid State Plan

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated budget impact is \$100,000.

Additional Information:

Additional information about the Change Healthcare outage can be found on the <u>Vermont Medicaid Pharmacy page</u>.

