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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Medicaid-participating Providers

FROM: Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

DATE: May 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Response to COVID-19: Postponement of Vermont Medicaid Fee Schedule Updates Scheduled for July 1, 2020.

As a result of the State of Emergency produced by COVID-19, the Department of Vermont Health Access has elected to postpone all Vermont Medicaid fee schedule updates that had originally been scheduled for July 1, 2020 until at least October 1, 2020. This postponement will ensure that reimbursement rates remain stable through the Emergency period while providers and practices may be experiencing other changes to revenue and/or expenditures as a part of their COVID-19 response. Delaying these fee schedule updates will also ensure that provider stakeholders are able to engage in discussions about any future methodological changes, allowing providers to continue to focus on COVID-19 during this critical time for Vermont's health care system.

Vermont Medicaid fee schedule updates that will be postponed until October 1, 2020 include:

- Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) fee schedule;
- Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) professional fee schedule;
- Home health fee schedule;
- Hospice fee schedule;
- High-Technology Nursing fee schedule; and
- Physician administered drug fee schedule.

The Department of Vermont Health Access remains committed to professionalized implementation and maintenance of its reimbursement systems and intends to resume normal schedules for fee schedule updates in the subsequent year.