



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

Global Commitment Register

November 19, 2018

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PROPOSED

Reimbursement for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) will update the payment system for enrolled Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Centers (RHCs) for dates of service effective 1/1/2019. The Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA) requires FQHCs and RHCs to receive payment for providing covered services to Medicaid-eligible individuals under a Prospective Payment System (PPS) methodology.

As required by BIPA, DVHA will update PPS rates using the applicable Medicare Economic Index factor for CY2019 and annually thereafter. It will also update rates and any changes to the base rate due to eligible changes in scope and reasonable cost adjustments. There is also an option for the State and an FQHC or RHC to agree to an alternative payment methodology (APM) that provides for payment of at least the same amount as would otherwise be required under the PPS.

Calendar year (CY) 2019 FQHC and RHC Encounter Rates under the PPS or APM can be found under 'Additional Information' below. In CY2019 providers must elect the PPS or the APM. The facility must complete the form letter electing which methodology they are choosing for CY2019 no later than 12/17/2018, otherwise they will receive the PPS rate. The [form for submitting the rate election](#) can be found here. If a facility elects the APM for CY2019, it will be paid at a blended rate over three years as follows:

- In CY2019, it will be 75% of the CY2018 APM rate plus 25% of the CY2019 BIPA PPS.
- In CY 2020, it will be 50% of the CY2018 APM rate plus 50% of the CY2020 BIPA PPS.
- In CY 2021, it will be 25% of the CY2018 APM rate plus 75% of the CY2021 BIPA PPS.

In CY2022, DVHA will eliminate the APM option. Any FQHC and RHC providers are free to voluntarily participate in the Vermont Medicaid Next Generation Accountable Care Organization (ACO) program and would be paid by the ACO for the attributed populations.

Effective Date:

This State Plan policy is effective December 16, 2018. The new rates are effective January 1, 2019.

Authority/Legal Basis:

This change is being done through Global Commitment to Health waiver authority, where DVHA may establish rates with providers on an individual or class basis without regard to the rates currently set forth in the approved State Plan.

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#): Waiver authority #5 [Section 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30)]; Special Term and Condition #29.

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated annualized fiscal impact is \$265,222. The [estimated fiscal impact by provider](#) is available here.

Public Comment Period:

November 19, 2018 – December 14, 2018

Send comments to:

Medicaid Policy Unit

280 State Drive, Center Building

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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.

Additional information:

The draft Global Commitment Amended State Plan page 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>.

CY 2019 FQHC and RHC Encounter Rates begin on the next page.

Calendar Year 2019 FQHC/RHC Encounter Rates

Provider Full Name	2019 BIPA PPS Rate	2019 APM
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OF BURLINGTON INC.	\$180.24	\$178.37
RICHFORD HEALTH CENTER INC	\$180.24	\$178.37
COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS INC DBA	\$170.84	\$169.07
AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES INC.	\$170.84	\$174.82
INDIAN STREAM HEALTH CENTER INC	\$170.84	\$172.26
SPRINGFIELD MEDICAL CARE SYSTEMS INC	\$170.84	\$169.07
WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER	\$150.34	\$148.78
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LITTLETON HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION DBA NORTH COUN	\$150.34	\$179.57
ROWE HEALTH CENTER	\$150.34	\$199.31
WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER RHC	\$150.34	\$193.67
NORTHERN COUNTIES HEALTH	\$170.84	\$169.07
NORTHERN COUNTIES HLTH	\$170.84	\$169.07
NORTHERN COUNTIES HEALTH CTR	\$170.84	\$169.07
NORTHERN COUNTIES HEALTHCARE	\$170.84	\$169.07
NORTHERN COUNTIES HEALTH CARE DBA	\$170.84	\$169.07
COMMUNITY HLTH CENTERS OF THE RUTLAND REGION	\$164.41	\$162.71
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THE HEALTH CENTER	\$170.84	\$170.82
COPLEY PRO SVS GRP DBA STOWE FAMILY PRACTICE	\$170.84	\$169.07
COPLEY PRO SVS GROUP DBA MORRISVILLE FMLY HLT	\$170.84	\$169.07
COPLEY PRO SVS GRP DBA BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE	\$170.84	\$169.07
SPRINGFIELD MEDICALCARE SYSTEMS INC	\$170.84	\$169.07
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COMMUNITY HLTH CTRS OF THE RUTLAND REGION	\$164.41	\$162.71
SPRINGFIELD HEALTH CTR	\$170.84	\$169.07
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OF RUTLAND REGION	\$164.41	\$162.71
SHOREWELL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FQHC	\$164.41	\$162.71
SPRINGFIELD MEDICAL CARE SYSTEMS INC DBA	\$170.84	\$169.07
FIVE TOWN HEALTH ALLIANCE INC DBA Mountain Health	\$170.84	\$197.12
INDIAN STREAM HEALTH CTR INC CANAAN SITE	\$170.84	\$172.26
BATTENKILL VALLEY HEALTH CENTER	\$170.84	\$198.28
GIFFORD HEALTH CARE,	\$170.84	\$169.07
GIFFORD HEALTH CARE,	\$170.84	\$169.07
GIFFORD HEALTH CARE,INC DBA	\$170.84	\$169.07
GIFFORD HEALTH CENTER, INC	\$170.84	\$169.07
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GIFFORD HEALTH CARE,INC	\$170.84	\$169.07
APPLESEED PEDIATRICS,	\$170.84	\$169.07
SPRINGFIELD MEDICAL CARE SYSTEMS INC	\$170.84	\$169.07
SPRINGFIELD MEDICAL CARE SYSTEMS INC DBA	\$170.84	\$169.07
GIFFORD HLTH CARE INC DBA GIFFORD HLTH C ARE	\$170.84	\$169.07
COMMUNITY HLTH CENTERS OF THE RUTLAND REGION	\$164.41	\$162.71
NORTH COUNTRY PRIMARY CARE NEWPORT	\$150.34	\$148.78
CARLOS G OTIS HEALTH CARE CTR	\$150.34	\$148.78
NO COUNTRY HSP DBA NO COUNTRY OBGYN SVS	\$150.34	\$148.78
NORTH COUNTRY PRIMARY CARE BARTON ORLEANS	\$150.34	\$148.78
NVRH CORNER MEDICAL,	\$150.34	\$148.78
NVRH ST JOHNSBURY PEDIATRICS	\$150.34	\$148.78
NVRH KINGDOM INTERNAL MEDICINE	\$150.34	\$236.06
NVRH WOMENS WELLNESS CLINIC	\$150.34	\$327.54
LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE INC	\$170.84	\$169.07
NORTH COUNTRY PEDIATRICS RHC	\$150.34	\$148.78