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Jenney Samuelson
Secretary
Vermont Agency of Human Services
280 State Drive
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Dear Secretary Samuelson,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving the Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) payment methodology document that the state submitted December 12, 2024, in accordance with special term and condition (STC) 17.18. This document reflects the payment methodologies Vermont will use for the State's HRSN benefits, as authorized by the Global Commitment to Health (GCH) Section 1115 Demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00194/1).

This approval is conditioned upon compliance with the previously approved STCs, which set forth in detail the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project.

We look forward to our continued partnership on the Global Commitment to Health demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Rabia Khan, at Rabia.Khan1@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Angela D. Garner
Director
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Enclosure

cc: Gilson DaSilva, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

Vermont: Health-Related Social Need (HRSN) Services Fee Schedule for Housing Services

Service Name	Service Description	Procedure Code	Service Unit	Rate Cap	Methodology	Additional Information
One-Time Payment for Security Deposit	Payment to cover security deposit	H0043 U4	Cost-based, up to a cap	Cap – up to \$2,000 per deposit. \$4,000, or 2 deposit limit per demonstration period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursement based on actual costs Not to exceed limit set by the State Reimbursement method is non-risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A second security deposit within the demonstration period may be approved with documentation as to what conditions have changed to demonstrate why providing security deposit would be more successful on the second attempt
Essential Utility Set-Up	Utility activation expenses to secure and maintain utilities	H0043 U2	Cost-based, up to a cap	Cap – up to \$1,500 per demonstration period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500 for utility deposits \$500 for reinstatement utility payment \$500 for utility arrears 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursement based on actual costs Not to exceed limit set by the State Reimbursement method is non-risk 	
Housing Move-In Support (Moving Expenses, Household Furnishings)	Move-in costs and furnishings to make new housing habitable and comfortable	H0043 U1	Cost-based, up to a cap	Lifetime cap – up to \$1,000 across both move-in costs and household furnishings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursement based on actual costs Not to exceed limit set by the State Reimbursement method is non-risk 	
Home Remediation Services (Pest Eradication)	Pest control services to improve housing conditions	H0043 U3	Cost-based, up to a cap	Annual cap – up to \$3,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursement based on actual costs Not to exceed limit set by the State Reimbursement method is non-risk 	
Home Modifications	Home modifications to	S5165	Cost-based, up to a cap	Cap will be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursement based on actual costs 	

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	improve accessibility			prior to implementation of the benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not to exceed limit set by the State Reimbursement method is non-risk 	
Short-term Recuperative Care (Medical Respite)	Short-term residential and post-acute medical care to support recovery from an injury or illness	S9125, Rate 7980	Per diem	Can be paid up to 6 months once every 12 months (assessed on a rolling basis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per diem rates set by the State will be based on annual fair market rent costs, costs associated with the clinical staffing model using inputs from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and cost information for the facility overhead Rates may reflect different models of care and staffing intensity and are based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Market Rent for the geographic area Reimbursement method is non-risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals may receive both short-term recuperative care (medical respite) and short-term rental assistance during the demonstration period, so long as the total number of months is below 6 months per 12-month period and all costs are non-duplicative
Short-term Rental Assistance	Payment for rent and/or short-term temporary stays	H0044 U5	Cost-based, up to a cap (per unit per month)	Can be paid up to 6 months per household per demonstration period; cap per month is TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit per month will vary by county, not to exceed limit set by the State Limits to be determined based on U.S. HUD fair market rent for each county Reimbursement based on actual costs Reimbursement method is non-risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coverage may be permitted in one or more episodes, so long as the total duration remains under the cap for the demonstration period Individuals may receive both short-term recuperative care (medical respite) and short-term rental assistance during the demonstration period, so long as the total number of months is below 6 months per 12-month period and all costs are non-duplicative