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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

October 7, 2022

Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)
NOB 1 South, 280 State Drive
Waterbury, VT 05671-1010

Re: Vermont State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0003

Dear Commissioner Strumolo:

For your records, this is an approved copy of Vermont's Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) State plan amendment (SPA) VT 21-0003. This ABP amendment submitted through the Medicaid Model Data Lab (MMDL No. VT 0626.R00.10) on March 31, 2021 meets all federal statutory and regulatory requirements for establishing an ABP.

The state submitted this SPA to expand the provider types that can authorize home health plans of care and order durable medical equipment in its ABP. This SPA was approved October 7, 2022, with an effective date of January 1, 2021.

Enclosed are copies of the CMS-179 summary page and approved Alternative Benefit plan pages for incorporation into Vermont's State plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Gilson DaSilva at (617) 565-1227 or via email at gilson.dasilva@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Dylan Frazer, Deputy Director of Medicaid Policy

Medicaid Alternative Benefit Plan: Summary Page (CMS 179)

State/Territory name: Vermont

Transmittal Number:

Please enter the Transmittal Number (TN) in the format ST-YY-0000 where ST= the state abbreviation, YY = the last two digits of the submission year, and 0000 = a four digit number with leading zeros. The dashes must also be entered.

VT-21-0003

Proposed Effective Date

01/01/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

42 CFR §430.12(c)(ii)

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First Year	2021	\$ 0.00
Second Year	2022	\$ 0.00

Subject of Amendment

This amendment expands the provider types who can authorize home health plans of care and order durable medical equipment. This SPA aligns with changes made under 42 CFR §440.70 as a result of the 2020 CARES Act in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. //

Governor's Office Review

Governor's office reported no comment

Comments of Governor's office received

Describe:

No reply received within 45 days of submittal

Other, as specified

Describe:

Approved by the Secretary of the Agency of Administration. //

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By:

Dylan Frazer

Last Revision Date:

Sep 29, 2022

Submit Date:

Mar 31, 2021



Alternative Benefit Plan

OMB Control Number: 09381148

OMB Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Attachment 3.1-L-

Alternative Benefit Plan Populations **ABP1**

Identify and define the population that will participate in the Alternative Benefit Plan.

Alternative Benefit Plan Population Name:

Identify eligibility groups that are included in the Alternative Benefit Plan's population, and which may contain individuals that meet any targeting criteria used to further define the population.

Eligibility Groups Included in the Alternative Benefit Plan Population:

	Eligibility Group:	Enrollment is mandatory or voluntary?	
+	Adult Group	Mandatory	X

Enrollment is available for all individuals in these eligibility group(s).

Geographic Area

The Alternative Benefit Plan population will include individuals from the entire state/territory.

Any other information the state/territory wishes to provide about the population (optional)

PRA Disclosure Statement

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Voluntary Benefit Package Selection Assurances - Eligibility Group under Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Act

ABP2a

The state/territory has fully aligned its benefits in the Alternative Benefit Plan using Essential Health Benefits and subject to 1937 requirements with its Alternative Benefit Plan that is the state's approved Medicaid state plan that is not subject to 1937 requirements. Therefore the state/territory is deemed to have met the requirements for voluntary choice of benefit package for individuals exempt from mandatory participation in a section 1937 Alternative Benefit Plan.

Yes

Explain how the state has fully aligned its benefits in the Alternative Benefit Plan using Essential Health Benefits and subject to 1937 requirements with its Alternative Benefit Plan that is the state's approved Medicaid state plan that is not subject to 1937 requirements.

Vermont is an expansion state that will not have newly eligible groups under ACA. However, the state will recognize the New Adult group in the state plan and will use the Medicaid State Plan as the benefits plan for the New Adult Group. The Medicaid state plan is more comprehensive than the state's Benchmark plan selected for the Health Benefits Exchange, the BCBS 'Vermont Health Plan, LLC' supplemented with the CHIP and FEDVIP plans. In Vermont the CHIP plan mirrors the Medicaid State Plan for Children.

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State Name: Vermont

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OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

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Selection of Benchmark Benefit Package or Benchmark-Equivalent Benefit Package

ABP3.1

Select one of the following:

- The state/territory is amending one existing benefit package for the population defined in Section I.
- The state/territory is creating a single new benefit package for the population defined in Section I.

Name of benefit package: Medicaid State Plan

Selection of EHB-Benchmark Plan

(SEP) The state/territory must select an EHB-benchmark plan as the basis for providing Essential Health Benefits in its Benchmark or Benchmark-Equivalent Package.

EHB-benchmark plan name: Blue Care, Vermont Health Plan, LLC, CDHP

The EHB-benchmark plan is the same as the Section 1937 Coverage option: No

Indicate the EHB-benchmark option as described at 45 CFR 156.111(b)(2)(B) the state/territory will use as its EHB-benchmark plan:

State/Territory is selecting one of the below options to design an EHB package that complies with the requirements for the individual insurance market under 45 CFR 156.100 through 156.125.

- State/Territory is selecting the EHB-benchmark plan used by the state/territory for the 2017 plan year.
- State/Territory is selecting one of the EHB-benchmark plans used for the 2017 plan year by another state/territory.
- State/ Territory selects the following EHB-benchmark plan used for the 2017 plan year but will replace coverage of one or more of the categories of EHB with coverage of the same category from the 2017 EHB-benchmark plan of one or more other states
- Select a set of benefits consistent with the 10 EHB categories to become the new EHB-benchmark plan. (Complete and submit the ABP5: Benefits Description form to describe the set of benefits.)

Type of EHB-benchmark plan:

- Largest plan by enrollment of the three largest small group insurance products in the state's small group market.
- Any of the largest three state employee health benefit plans by enrollment.
- Any of the largest three national FEHBP plan options open to Federal employees in all geographies by enrollment.
- Largest insured commercial non-Medicaid HMO.



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Assurances

- The state/territory assures the EHB plan meets the scope of benefits standards at 45 CFR 156.111(b), does not exceed generosity of most generous among a set of comparison plans, provides appropriate balance of coverage among 10 EHB categories, and the scope of benefits is equal to, or greater than, the scope of benefits provided under a typical employer plan as defined at 45 CFR 156.111(b)(2).
- The state/territory assures that all services in the EHB-benchmark plan have been accounted for throughout the benefit chart found in ABP 5.
- The state/territory assures the accuracy of all information in ABP5 depicting amount, duration and scope parameters of services authorized in the currently approved Medicaid State Plan.

Selection of the Section 1937 Coverage Option

The state/territory selects as its Section 1937 Coverage option the following type of Benchmark Benefit Package or Benchmark-Equivalent Benefit Package under this Alternative Benefit Plan (check one):

- Benchmark Benefit Package.
- Benchmark-Equivalent Benefit Package.

The state/territory will provide the following Benchmark Benefit Package (check one that applies):

- The Standard Blue Cross/Blue Shield Preferred Provider Option offered through the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program (FEHBP).
- State employee coverage that is offered and generally available to state employees (State Employee Coverage):
- A commercial HMO with the largest insured commercial, non-Medicaid enrollment in the state/territory (Commercial HMO):
- Secretary-Approved Coverage.
- The state/territory offers benefits based on the approved state plan.
- The state/territory offers an array of benefits from the section 1937 coverage option and/or base benchmark plan benefit packages, or the approved state plan, or from a combination of these benefit packages.
- The state/territory offers the benefits provided in the approved state plan.
- Benefits include all those provided in the approved state plan plus additional benefits.
- Benefits are the same as provided in the approved state plan but in a different amount, duration and/or scope.
- The state/territory offers only a partial list of benefits provided in the approved state plan.
- The state/territory offers a partial list of benefits provided in the approved state plan plus additional benefits.

Please briefly identify the benefits, the source of benefits and any limitations:

N/A

Other Information Related to Selection of the Section 1937 Coverage Option and the EHB-Benchmark Plan (optional):

1. The state assures that all services in the base benchmark have been accounted for throughout the benefit chart found in ABP5.
2. The state assures the accuracy of all information in ABP5 depicting amount, duration and scope parameters of services authorized in



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the currently approved Medicaid state plan.

PRA Disclosure Statement

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) collects this mandatory information in accordance with (42 U.S.C. 1396a) for the purpose of standardizing data. The information will be used to monitor and analyze performance metrics related to the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program in efforts to boost program integrity efforts, improve performance and accountability across the programs. Under the Privacy Act of 1974 any personally identifying information obtained will be kept private to the extent of the law. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1188. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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Attachment 3.1-L-

Alternative Benefit Plan Cost-Sharing

ABP4

Any cost sharing described in Attachment 4.18-A applies to the Alternative Benefit Plan.

Attachment 4.18-A may be revised to include cost sharing for ABP services that are not otherwise described in the state plan. Any such cost sharing must comply with Section 1916 of the Social Security Act.

The Alternative Benefit Plan for individuals with income over 100% FPL includes cost-sharing other than that described in Attachment 4.18-A.

Other Information Related to Cost Sharing Requirements (optional):

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State Name: Vermont

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OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: VT - 21 - 0003

Benefits Description

ABP5

The state/territory proposes a "Benchmark-Equivalent" benefit package. No

Benefits Included in Alternative Benefit Plan

Enter the specific name of the base benchmark plan selected:

Blue Care, Vermont Health Plan, LLC, CDHP

Enter the specific name of the section 1937 coverage option selected, if other than Secretary-Approved. Otherwise, enter "Secretary-Approved."

Secretary-Approved



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I. Essential Health Benefit: Ambulatory patient services

Collapse All

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Outpatient Hospital"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>		

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Rural Health Clinic"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="Authorization required in excess of limitation"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="5 visits per month; 1 visit per day"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>		

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Federally Qualified Health Center"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="Authorization required in excess of limitation"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="5 visits per month; 1 visit per day"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>		



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Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Benefit Provided:

Source:

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Amount Limit:

Duration Limit:

Scope Limit:

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Benefit Provided:

Source:

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Amount Limit:

Duration Limit:

Scope Limit:

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Benefit Provided:

Source:

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:



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Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Excludes solely cosmetic surgery

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Benefit Provided:

OLP: Chiropractic

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Authorization required in excess of limitation

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

10 visits per year

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Services are limited to treatment by means of manual manipulation of the spine for the correction of a misalignment of the spine.

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Treatments for children under 12 years of age require prior authorization.

Benefit Provided:

OLP: Podiatry

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

None

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Non-routine foot care only. Excludes flat foot; subluxations of foot not requiring surgery; corns, calluses, nail trimming, and preventative hygiene.

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Benefit Provided:

Non-Emergency Transportation

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove



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Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Benefit Provided:

Hospice

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

6 months prior to end of life.

Benefit Provided:

OLP: Pediatric or Family Nurse Practitioners

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See other information below

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See other information below

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Home & Office - 5 visits per month; Nursing Facility - up to 1 visit per week; Hospital - up to 1 admission visit per patient per diagnosis per month and up to one visit per day for acute care. Excludes solely cosmetic surgery; ineffective or unproven procedures; unnecessary testing; experimental; services provided without consent. Prior authorizations apply for certain circumstances and procedures. Limits may be exceeded based on medical necessity.



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Add



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2. Essential Health Benefit: Emergency services

Collapse All

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Outpatient Hospital: Emergency Care"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input style="height: 30px;" type="text"/>		

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Transportation: Ambulance"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="Other"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input style="height: 30px;" type="text" value="For emergency services, prior authorization is required for coverage of ambulance service to an out-of-state hospital. Transport to a border hospital does not require prior authorization."/>		



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3. Essential Health Benefit: Hospitalization

Collapse All

Benefit Provided: Inpatient Hospital	Source: State Plan 1905(a)	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: Concurrent Authorization	Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit: None	Duration Limit: None	
Scope Limit: None		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: Substance use detox is performed in an inpatient hospital setting.		

Benefit Provided: Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital	Source: State Plan 1905(a)	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: Concurrent Authorization	Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit: None	Duration Limit: None	
Scope Limit: Not Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD).		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: 		



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4. Essential Health Benefit: Maternity and newborn care

Collapse All

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="OLP: Licensed Lay Midwife"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>		

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Nurse Midwife"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>		

Benefit Provided: <input type="text" value="Physician Services: Maternity Care"/>	Source: <input type="text" value="State Plan 1905(a)"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Provider Qualifications: <input type="text" value="Medicaid State Plan"/>	
Amount Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	Duration Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>	
Scope Limit: <input type="text" value="None"/>		



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Scope Limit:

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Add



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Yes			
<input type="text"/>	None		



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Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Services include: assessment, early intervention, outpatient treatment services, intensive outpatient treatment services, partial hospitalization, clinically managed low-intensity residential services, medically monitored inpatient services, and withdrawal management.

Benefit Provided:

Source:

Remove

Authorization:

None

Provider Qualifications:

Amount Limit:

Duration Limit:

Scope Limit:

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Add



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6. Essential Health Benefit: Prescription drugs

- The state/territory assures that the ABP prescription drug benefit plan is the same as under the approved Medicaid State Plan for prescribed drugs.

Benefit Provided:

Coverage is at least the greater of one drug in each U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP) category and class or the same number of prescription drugs in each category and class as the base benchmark.

Prescription Drug Limits (Check all that apply.):

- Limit on days supply
 Limit on number of prescriptions
 Limit on brand drugs
 Other coverage limits
 Preferred drug list

Authorization:

Yes

Provider Qualifications:

State licensed

Coverage that exceeds the minimum requirements or other:



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7. Essential Health Benefit: Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices

Collapse All

The state/territory assures that it is not imposing limits on habilitative services and devices that are more stringent than limits on rehabilitative services (45 CFR 156.115(a)(5)(ii)). Further, the state/territory understands that separate coverage limits must also be established for rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices. Combined rehabilitative and habilitative limits are allowed, if these limits can be exceeded based on medical necessity.

Benefit Provided:	Source:	Remove
Outpatient Hospital - Rehabilitative therapies	State Plan 1905(a)	
Authorization:	Provider Qualifications:	
None	Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit:	Duration Limit:	
None	None	
Scope Limit:		
OT/PT/SLP		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:		
Both rehabilitative and habilitative		

Benefit Provided:	Source:	Remove
OT/PT/SLP (non-hospital based)	State Plan 1905(a)	
Authorization:	Provider Qualifications:	
Authorization required in excess of limitation	Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit:	Duration Limit:	
Under 21, 8 visits; over 21, 30 visits/year combin	None	
Scope Limit:		
None		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:		
Under 21, prior authorization after 8 visits; over 21, prior authorization for over 30 visits per year of any type. Both rehabilitative and habilitative.		

Benefit Provided:	Source:	Remove
Physical Therapies & Related Service: Hearing Aids	State Plan 1905(a)	
Authorization:	Provider Qualifications:	
Authorization required in excess of limitation	Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit:	Duration Limit:	
Every three years	None	



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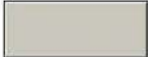
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Approval Date: 10/07/2022



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authorized by the Medicaid program, and delivered in accordance with the recipient's treatment plan. Limitations can be found in Attachment 3.1-A under Licensed Applied Behavior Analyst Services. This benefit has the same effective date as SPA 15-001.

Add



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8. Essential Health Benefit: Laboratory services

Collapse All

Benefit Provided: Other Laboratory and X-Ray Services	Source: State Plan 1905(a)	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: Other	Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit: Urine drug test limited to 8 per month	Duration Limit: None	
Scope Limit: None		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: Exceptions to the urine drug test limitation must be prior approved. Diagnostic imaging requires prior authorization for high-tech (CT, CTA, MRI, MRA, PET, PET/CA) unless provided as part of ER or inpatient visit.		



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Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Tobacco cessation counseling services are available to all non-pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries. The maximum number of visits allowed per individual per calendar year is 16. This maximum number of visits per calendar year can be exceeded based on medical necessity through a prior authorization process. This benefit has the same effective date as SPA 14-009.

Benefit Provided:

Source:

Remove

Authorization:

Yes

Provider Qualifications:

Amount Limit:

Duration Limit:

Scope Limit:

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Add



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10. Essential Health Benefit: Pediatric services including oral and vision care

Collapse All

Benefit Provided: Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits	Source: State Plan 1905(a)	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: Other	Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit: None	Duration Limit: None	
Scope Limit: None		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: All federally required services in accordance CFR and Statute.		

Benefit Provided: Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits	Source: State Plan 1905(a)	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
Authorization: Other	Provider Qualifications: Medicaid State Plan	
Amount Limit: None	Duration Limit: One year	
Scope Limit: None		
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan: Nursing facility under 21. Rehabilitation Center services provided in nursing facilities located outside of Vermont for the severely disabled such as head injured or ventilator dependent people require authorization prior to admission from the Medicaid Director or a designee.		



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11. Other Covered Benefits from Base Benchmark

Collapse All



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12. Base Benchmark Benefits Not Covered due to Substitution or Duplication

Collapse All

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Outpatient Hospital Fee

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication - The Medicaid State Plan Outpatient Hospital service was used in order to ensure identical benefits for all beneficiaries in the Medicaid program.

This benefit maps to EHB 1: Ambulatory Patient Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Outpatient Surgery Physician/Surgical Services

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication - The Medicaid State Plan Outpatient Hospital service was used in order to ensure identical benefits for all beneficiaries in the Medicaid program.

This benefit maps to EHB 1: Ambulatory Patient Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Urgent Care Centers or Facilities

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication - The Medicaid State Plan Other Ambulatory Services - Rural Health Clinic and FQHC's and Physician Services in all Settings service was used in order to ensure identical benefits for all beneficiaries in the Medicaid program. Certain clinics provide urgent care, however Vermont does not have stand alone urgent care center providers who are not affiliated with a health clinic or hospital.

This benefit maps to EHB 1: Ambulatory Patient Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Primary Care Visit to Treat an Injury or Illness

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication - The Medicaid State Plan Physician Services in all Settings service was used in order to ensure identical benefits for all beneficiaries in the Medicaid program.

This benefit maps to EHB 1: Ambulatory Patient Services.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Dental Services (not routine)

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication - The Medicaid State Plan Medical & Surgical furnished by dentist service was used in order to



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Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication - The Medicaid State Plan EPSDT service was used in order to ensure identical benefits for all beneficiaries in the Medicaid program.

Base benchmark benefit limitation(s): Prior authorization required.

VT requires private insurers to cover services to children up to the age of 21 who have an ASD regardless of whether they are gaining a new skill or recovering a lost skill. This is the same coverage that EPSDT provides e.g. to ameliorate, or prevent from worsening or promote healthy development.

This benefit maps to EHB 10: Pediatric Services Including Oral and Vision Care.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Preventive Care/Screening/Immunization

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication - The Medicaid State Plan EPSDT and Physician Services in All Settings was used in order to ensure identical benefits for all beneficiaries in the Medicaid program.

This benefit maps to EHB 1: Ambulatory Patient Services and EHB 10: Pediatric Services Including Oral and Vision Care.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Eye Glasses for Children

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication - The Medicaid State Plan EPSDT service was used in order to ensure identical benefits for all beneficiaries in the Medicaid program.

Base benchmark benefit limitation(s): One item per year.

This benefit maps to EHB 10: Pediatric Services Including Oral and Vision Care.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Dental Check-Up for Children

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication - The Medicaid State Plan EPSDT service was used in order to ensure identical benefits for all beneficiaries in the Medicaid program.

This benefit maps to EHB 10: Pediatric Services Including Oral and Vision Care.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Family Planning: All Other Services

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove



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Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication - The Medicaid State Plan Family Planning service was used in order to ensure identical benefits for all beneficiaries in the Medicaid program.

This benefit maps to EHB 1: Ambulatory Patient Services.

Add



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13. Other Base Benchmark Benefits Not Covered

Collapse All



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14. Other 1937 Covered Benefits that are not Essential Health Benefits

Collapse All

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Dental

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See Att. 3.1-A Item 10

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See Att. 3.1-A Item 10

Other:

Coverage is in accordance with See Att. 3.1-A Item 10.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

ICF/IID

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

OLP: High Tech Nursing

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None



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Other:

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Extended Services (home visits) for Pregnant Women

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

OLP: Opticians

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Limited to eyeglass dispensing only.

Other:

No authorization requirement.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Face-to-Face Tobacco cessation for pregnant women

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None



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Scope Limit:

16 visits per calendar year.

Other:

No authorization requirement.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Case Management for TB related services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

No authorization requirement.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Outpatient Hospital - Partial Hospitalization

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

No authorization requirement.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Therapeutic Substance Abuse Services (PNMI)

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan



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Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

No authorization requirement.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Community Mental Health Center Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

No authorization requirement.

Diagnosis and evaluation; emergency care; psychotherapy; chemotherapy; group therapy; specialized rehabilitation services provided by Mental Health Designated Providers authorized by DMH and required by state law. The benefit category in Vermont's State plan is "Other Diagnostic, Screening, Preventive and Rehabilitative Services."

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Assistive Community Care Services (PNMI)

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Persons with functional impairments and/or cognitive disabilities.

Other:

No authorization requirement.



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Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Adult Day Health Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Excludes residents of nursing homes or enhanced residential care facilities. Should not exceed 7 days per week, 12 hours per day.

Other:

Adult Day Health Services is a comprehensive, non-residential program designed to address the health, safety, and psychological needs of adults through individual plans of care that may include a provision of medication administration, health monitoring and oversight, personal care, maintenance therapies, and care coordination. No prior authorization required. This benefit has the same effective date as SPA 15-007.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Targeted Case Management (4 targeted groups)

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

No authorization requirement.
 Three target groups for persons over 18 years old: (1) Persons with developmental disabilities who are unable to access needed medical, social, educational and other services because of adaptive deficits due to their level of disability, or who lack the active assistance of a family member or other interested person to assist them in accessing needed services; (2) Individuals and families who have a history of child abuse or neglect, trauma, behavioral challenges, family dysfunction, and/or family violence who are in need of assistance to identify, obtain and monitor needed medical (including mental health and substance abuse), social, educational, and other services; (3) Pregnant and postpartum women and infants through twelve months of age enrolled in the Vermont Department for Children and Families, Healthy Babies, Kids, and Families Program; (4) Individuals who receive special education and related medically necessary Medicaid covered services pursuant to an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Respiratory Care Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan



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Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

No authorization requirement.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Personal Care Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Prior Authorization

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Nursing Facility 21 and older; custodial care

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

Requires a physician order; Out of state requires prior authorization.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

OLP: Optometry

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove



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Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

Routine exam 1/2 years; diagnostic exam 1/2 years

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

Contacts and special lenses may require prior authorization; Other aids to vision approved when legally blind and will improve at least one ADL or IADL.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Inpatient Psych. Services for Individuals Under 22

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

No authorization requirement.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Licensed Dental Hygienist Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

Services provided by licensed dental hygienists are covered when those services are provided by a dental hygienist who is in a collaborative agreement with a dentist licensed in Vermont. Cover services are limited to those specified in protocols for licensure and reviewed and accepted by the State of Vermont, Director of the Office of Professional Regulation, and are services covered by Medicaid.



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Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Health Home Services for Opioid Dependence

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Health Homes provide coordinated, systemic, whole-person care to Medicaid beneficiaries who receive medication assisted therapy (MAT) for opioid dependence.

Other:

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

OLP: Licensed Clinical Pharmacist

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See Att. 3.1-A Item 6(D)(9)

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

Coverage is in accordance with Att. 3.1-A Item 6(D)(9).

Add



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15. Additional Covered Benefits (This category of benefits is not applicable to the adult group under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Act.)

Collapse All

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) collects this mandatory information in accordance with (42 U.S.C. 1396a) for the purpose of standardizing data. The information will be used to monitor and analyze performance metrics related to the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program in efforts to boost program integrity efforts, improve performance and accountability across the programs. Under the Privacy Act of 1974 any personally identifying information obtained will be kept private to the extent of the law. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1188. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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Attachment 3.1-L-

Benefits Assurances

ABP7

EPSDT Assurances

If the target population includes persons under 21, please complete the following assurances regarding EPSDT. Otherwise, skip to the Prescription Drug Coverage Assurances below.

The alternative benefit plan includes beneficiaries under 21 years of age.

Prescription Drug Coverage Assurances

- The state/territory assures that it meets the minimum requirements for prescription drug coverage in section 1937 of the Act and implementing regulations at 42 CFR 440.347. Coverage is at least the greater of one drug in each United States Pharmacopeia (USP) category and class or the same number of prescription drugs in each category and class as the base benchmark.
- The state/territory assures that procedures are in place to allow a beneficiary to request and gain access to clinically appropriate prescription drugs when not covered.
- The state/territory assures that when it pays for outpatient prescription drugs covered under an Alternative Benefit Plan, it meets the requirements of section 1927 of the Act and implementing regulations at 42 CFR 440.345, except for those requirements that are directly contrary to amount, duration and scope of coverage permitted under section 1937 of the Act.
- The state/territory assures that when conducting prior authorization of prescription drugs under an Alternative Benefit Plan, it complies with prior authorization program requirements in section 1927(d)(5) of the Act.

Other Benefit Assurances

- The state/territory assures that substituted benefits are actuarially equivalent to the benefits they replaced from the base benchmark plan, and that the state/territory has actuarial certification for substituted benefits available for CMS inspection if requested by CMS.
- The state/territory assures that individuals will have access to services in Rural Health Clinics (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) as defined in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 1905(a)(2) of the Social Security Act.
- The state/territory assures that payment for RHC and FQHC services is made in accordance with the requirements of section 1902(bb) of the Social Security Act.
- The state/territory assures that it will comply with the requirement of section 1937(b)(5) of the Act by providing, effective January 1, 2014, to all Alternative Benefit Plan participants at least Essential Health Benefits as described in section 1302(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- The state/territory assures that it will comply with the mental health and substance use disorder parity requirements of section 1937(b)(6) of the Act by ensuring that the financial requirements and treatment limitations applicable to mental health or substance use disorder benefits comply with the requirements of section 2705(a) of the Public Health Service Act in the same manner as such requirements apply to a group health plan.
- The state/territory assures that it will comply with section 1937(b)(7) of the Act by ensuring that benefits provided to Alternative Benefit Plan participants include, for any individual described in section 1905(a)(4)(C), medical assistance for family planning services and supplies in accordance with such section.
- The state/territory assures transportation (emergency and non-emergency) for individuals enrolled in an Alternative Benefit Plan in accordance with 42 CFR 431.53.



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- The state/territory assures, in accordance with 45 CFR 156.115(a)(4) and 45 CFR 147.130, that it will provide as Essential Health Benefits a broad range of preventive services including: “A” and “B” services recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force; Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines; preventive care and screening for infants, children and adults recommended by HRSA's Bright Futures program/project; and additional preventive services for women recommended by the Institute of Medicine (IOM).

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Service Delivery Systems

ABP8

Provide detail on the type of delivery system(s) the state/territory will use for the Alternative Benefit Plan's benchmark benefit package or benchmark-equivalent benefit package, including any variation by the participants' geographic area.

Type of service delivery system(s) the state/territory will use for this Alternative Benefit Plan(s).

Select one or more service delivery systems:

- Managed care.
- Fee-for-service.
- Other service delivery system.

Fee-For-Service Options

Indicate whether the state/territory offers traditional fee-for-service and/or services managed under an administrative services organization:

- Traditional state-managed fee-for-service
- Services managed under an administrative services organization (ASO) arrangement

Please describe this fee-for-service delivery system, including any bundled payment arrangements, pay for performance, fee-for-service care management models/non-risk, contractual incentives as well as the population served via this delivery system.

Choices for Care 1115 Long Term Care (Control #11-W-00191/6) and CHIP beneficiaries receive all state plan services using all state plan approved payment methodologies including a variety of bundled rate options.

Additional Information: Fee-For-Service (Optional)

Provide any additional details regarding this service delivery system (optional):

Other Service Delivery Model

Name of service delivery system:

Global Commitment to Health (MCO) model (Control # 11-W-001941) and Choices for Care 1115 (Control #11-W-00191/6) Demonstration Waivers

Provide a narrative description of the model:

The state operates its Medicaid Program under two 1115 Demonstration waivers. One for long term care (Control #11-W-00191/6) and one using a managed care model and adhering to the MCO regulatory structure and 42 CFR 438 as per the STC's (Control # 11-W-001941/1). The new adult is moving from an 'expansion population' in the Global Commitment to Health (MCO) waiver to a state plan group under the same waiver. For Global Commitment populations, Medicaid eligibility is considered synonymous with MCO enrollment under the model. Current beneficiaries will be converted from 'expansion' population to 'state plan' as part of the state's CMS approved transition plan. Other members will move seamlessly into their new ACA group during annual recertification reviews. As of January 1, 2014 new members will be enrolled directly into the new adult group upon eligibility determination for the Medicaid program. Members who qualify for Long Term Care Medicaid will receive all state plan and any approved demonstration services under the state's long term care waiver Choices for Care. Former 1915 Home and Community Based Waivers and former 1115 (b) Demonstrations are incorporated into the 1115 Demonstration for individuals with a Developmental Disability, Traumatic Brain Injury, Severe and Persistent Mental Illness and Children with a severe emotional disturbance and their families. The state has a several networks of designated specialty providers for the behavioral health and disability related carve-outs under the current 1115 Demonstration. All former 1915 services for the elderly have been incorporated into the 1115 Choices for Care, Long Term Care waiver.



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Employer Sponsored Insurance and Payment of Premiums

ABP9

The state/territory provides the Alternative Benefit Plan through the payment of employer sponsored insurance for participants with such coverage, with additional benefits and services provided through a Benchmark or Benchmark-Equivalent Benefit Package.

Yes

Provide a description of employer sponsored insurance, including the population covered, the amount of premium assistance by population, employer sponsored insurance activities including required contribution, cost-effectiveness test requirements, and benefit information:

The state assures that ESI coverage is established in sections 3.2 and 4.22(h) of the state's approved Medicaid state plan. The beneficiary will receive a benefit package that includes a wrap of benefits around the employer sponsored insurance plan that equals the benefit package to which the beneficiary is entitled. The beneficiary will not be responsible for payment of premiums or other cost sharing that exceeds nominal levels as established at 42 CFR part 447 subpart A.

The state/territory otherwise provides for payment of premiums.

No

Other Information Regarding Employer Sponsored Insurance or Payment of Premiums:

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General Assurances

ABP10

Economy and Efficiency of Plans

- The state/territory assures that Alternative Benefit Plan coverage is provided in accordance with Federal upper payment limit requirements and other economy and efficiency principles that would otherwise be applicable to the services or delivery system through which the coverage and benefits are obtained.

Economy and efficiency will be achieved using the same approach as used for Medicaid state plan services.

 Yes

Compliance with the Law

- The state/territory will continue to comply with all other provisions of the Social Security Act in the administration of the state/territory plan under this title.
- The state/territory assures that Alternative Benefit Plan benefits designs shall conform to the non-discrimination requirements at 42 CFR 430.2 and 42 CFR 440.347(e).
- The state/territory assures that all providers of Alternative Benefit Plan benefits shall meet the provider qualification requirements of the Base Benchmark Plan and/or the Medicaid state plan.

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Payment Methodology

ABP11

Alternative Benefit Plans - Payment Methodologies

- The state/territory provides assurance that, for each benefit provided under an Alternative Benefit Plan that is not provided through managed care, it will use the payment methodology in its approved state plan or hereby submits state plan amendment Attachment 4.19a, 4.19b or 4.19d, as appropriate, describing the payment methodology for the benefit.

An attachment is submitted.

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