

Proposal for amending Draft No. 6.1 – S.203
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Sec. 8. RATES OF PAYMENTS TO DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES

The community-based services provided by designated and specialized service agencies are a critical component of Vermont's health care system. ~~These services are essential for the prevention of unnecessary hospitalization and emergency department use.~~ The ability to recruit and retain qualified employees is necessary for delivery of mental health services. In recognition of the importance of these agencies The Agency of Human Services shall:

~~(1) Apply the model used in developing advanced rates at the Brattleboro Retreat for supporting staff recruitment and retention and long term sustainability to develop revised rates for the designated and specialized service agencies, which shall be provided as part of the fiscal year 2020 budget.~~

conduct financial, service delivery and quality review processes. These reviews will consider changes in operating costs over time, caseload trends, changes in programs and practices, geographic differences in labor markets and the fiscal health of each designated and specialized service agency. These reviews shall inform payment rates; the performance grant process and payment reform work. The reviews shall draw upon and combine current review processes and not create duplicate or redundant reporting for either party.

(2) On or before January 15, 2019, develop and submit a ~~proposal report~~, in conjunction with the Green Mountain Care Board and the designated and specialized service agencies, for providing the designated and specialized service agency budgets to the Board for informational purposes for its work on health care system costs to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare. ~~The proposal shall be consistent with the long-term goal that work pertaining to Medicaid pathways include a plan to create~~ The report shall be consistent with the long-term goals of payment reform and address the potential for a review process of the designated and specialized service agencies budgets by the Board as part of an integrated health care system.