CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Department of Human Services

DIVISION: *(If any)*

RULE IDENTIFIER: 218-RICR-20-00-1

RULE TITLE: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: Implementation of changes made by the USDA, Food and Nutrition Services, amending language/references, and revision/renumbering of certain sections as noted below:

1.2.4 (B)(1) - Amended reference number

1.5.1 (H)(1)(b) - Amended reference number

1.5.3 (A)(8)(g)((7)) - Amended and revised paragraph by adding the word " supervised" per Federal regulation

1.9 (A)(3) - Amended Federal statute reference

1.9 (A)(3)(a) - Amended language to align with Federal policy

1.11 (A)(2) - Amended and revised paragraph to align with Federal regulation

1.11 (A)(2)(b) - Added language to include when a household member is considered registered for work

1.11.1 (C)(1)(a) - Added the word "calendar"

1.11.2 (A) - Removed the word "mandatory" for work registrant

1.11.2 (A)(5) - Added the new work registrant requirement of case management compliance per Federal regulation

1.11.3- Added Federal provisions pertaining to the Employment and Training program

1.11.5 (C)(3) - Added additional good cause circumstance for work registrants

1.11.9 (C)(3) - Modified work program definition per Federal regulation

1.11.9 (C)(4) - Added veteran work program per Federal regulation

1.20 (A) - Amended section by renumbering section, adding pandemic flexibilities and removing the word “mandatory”

1.23 (A)(1) - Amended language to align with Federal policy

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: None

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: The comment period ended on August 1, 2021. No comments were submitted.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: No changes have been made between the text of the rule as proposed and the final rule.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: None.