

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Child Care Assistance Program Rules and Regulations (218-RICR-20-00-4)

Rule Identifier: 218-RICR-20-00-4

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: March 24, 2022

End of Public Comment: April 23, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

RIGL 42-12-23

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This Direct Final Amendment will implement the Federal Poverty Level increases for 2022 to the Child Care Assistance Program Guidelines as per the Federal mandate. These changes will be effective April 1st, 2022 with an Emergency Amendment to this Regulation.

The Federal Poverty Level changes are located in section 4.6.1 C.

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before April 23, 2022, the Department of Human Services will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

Changes to the Federal Poverty Levels will effect the eligibility and cost share levels for recipients of the Child Care Assistance Program by increasing the gross income. The implementation of the 2022 increase to the Federal Poverty Levels will allow for greater access to the available low income child care services in RI.

This implementation is effective April 1st, 2022.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.