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TITLE 218 – DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

CHAPTER 20 – INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

SUBCHAPTER 00 – N/A

PART 2 – Rhode Island Works Program Rules and Regulations

The following list encompasses all changes being made to this rule:

- Removal of COVID 19 language
  §§ 2.1 B, 2.2 A. 20., 21., 22., 42., 2.3.1 A., 2.3.2 A., K., L., 2.3.5 A., 2.3.5 B., D., 2.3.6 A., B., 2.3.8 C., D., 2.5.3 C., 2.23.3 A.
- Added "rebate" to expand earned income tax credit
  §§ 2.2 A. 12., 2.11.6 H., 2.14.2 J., 2.15.3 B., 2.15.4 B.
- Added definition "Earned Income tax rebate"
  § 2.2 A.13
- Expanded interviews and client contact from in person to in person or telephonically
  §§ 2.2 A.21., 2.3.4, 2.23.3 A.
- Expanded the definition of and the participation in "Vocational educational training"
  §§ 2.2 A.41, 2.11.2 B., 2.11.3 A., 2.11.6 K
- Expanded the use of telephonic signatures, including updating the "date of application" to include the "date the application signature is recorded telephonically, or the date received online"
  §§ 2.3.2 K., 2.7.4 A., 2.11.3 D.
- Increased the RI Works lifetime total from forty-eight months to sixty months
  §§ 2.3.2 L., 2.6 C., 2.6.2 C., 2.10.3 D., 2.11.2 E., 2.11.6 K., 2.11.9 G., 2.15.3 F.
- Expanded the submission of the Application of Assistance to include completed and "recorded telephonically"
  §§ 2.3.5, 2.3.6
- Increase Resource Limit from $1,000 to $5,000 and allow for self-attestation of resources less than $3,000 unless information provided appears to be questionable. Resource verification above $3000 will be required
  §§ 2.4.3, 3.14.1 B., 2.14.2 A., D., I., 2.14.3 A., B., E., F., 2.14.5, 2.15.4 C.,

2.21.2 B., 2.21.2 B., 2.23.3 B.

- Updated Hardship Extension to remove COVID language and to expand “Critical Condition or Circumstance” to include “unforeseen events”

  § 2.6.5 E.

- Updated manual submission to electronic submission of the attendance reports through the Employment Activity Referral and Response System (EARR)

  § 2.11.8 B.

- Increase to the earned income disregard from $170 to $300

  § 2.15.5 B.

- Removed duplicative language and incorrect references.
- Reformatted throughout to accommodate deletions and additions.