

**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:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: December 14, 2022

End of Public Comment: January 13, 2023

**Rulemaking Authority:**

RIGL 42-12-23

2023 RI State Budget

Article 13

R.I. Gen. Laws § 40-5.2-10

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

This amendment adds Veteran's Disability Pension to "excluded income" in accordance with RIGL § 40-5.2-10, as well as updates language regarding CCAP for College which began as a Pilot program on October 1, 2021 with an expenditure limit of \$200,000.00, CCAP for College became permanent on July 1, 2022 with the passage of the FY23 RI State Budget. This amendment also updates the CCAP attendance policy. Below is a complete list of changes:

§ 4.2 (16) Added "families where the parent(s) are inrolled in an Associate's degree or Bachelor's degree program at a Rhode Island public institution of higher education"

§ 4.2 (19) Added definition of "college credit hours" and renumbered the section accordingly

§ 4.2 (20)(z) Added language regarding Veteran's Disability Pension payments

§ 4.3 (A)(3) Removed "Beginning October 1, 2021", Added "As of July 1, 2022 and Added "in an Associate's degree or Bachelor's degree program"

§ 4.6.2(A)(4)(a) Removed "Beginning October 1, 2021" and Added "Associate's degree or Bachelor's degree program"

§ 4.6.2(A)(4)(b) Reformatted section

§ 4.6.2(A)(4)(b)((2)) Added language allowing for a combination of CCAP for College and employment

§ 4.6.2(A)(4)(c) Reformatted section and added language regarding the acceptable need for CCAP for College on a two parent home

§ 4.6.2(A)(4)(d) Added language allowing for a combination of CCAP for College and employment

§ 4.7.1(A) Added "at recertification"

§ 4.8.2(A)(7), § 4.12.7(C), § 4.12.7(F) Changed "five (5 days)" to "two (2) consecutive weeks" and removed "per month"

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until January 13, 2023 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

The Child Care Assistance Program is designed to improve child welfare and provide low-income children access to care in a time where they need it most.

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