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: **N/A**

RULE IDENTIFIER: **218-RICR20-00-2**

RULE TITLE: **Rhode Island Works Program Rules and Regulations**

REASON FOR RULEMAKING:

This Direct Final Amendment is being filed to update the category and eligibility of pregnant applicants to the Rhode Island Works Program. These changes were approved with the 2024 Rhode Island State Budget and were effective July 1, 2023. The change to this rule will ensure that pregnant applicants are reviewed for eligibility for the Rhode Island Works Program from the time they submit verification of the pregnancy.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE:

None

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:

The Department of Human Services did not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore a public hearing was not held. The comment period ended on August 26, 2023. No comments were not received online or by mail.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:

Technical changes to update citations and formatting have been made between the text of the rule as proposed and the final rule. No changes have been made to the intent of the proposed Amendment.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

N/A