CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

AGENCY: Department of Human Services

DIVISION: *(If any)*

RULE IDENTIFIER: 218-RICR-20-00-5

RULE TITLE: SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME AND STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The Department of Human Services has amended this rule to reflect the Federal Social Security Administration's Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) scheduled for January 1, 2025. This change is being implemented at §5.6 Rhode Island Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and State Supplemental Payment Rates.

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

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: The comment period ended on January 4, 2025. 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: The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program provides a minimum income level for persons sixty-five (65) or over, or blind or disabled persons who do not have sufficient income and resources to maintain themselves at the Federal minimum income level. There is no fiscal impact to the State general revenue expenditures for the SSP Program. The COLA updates to the SSI payment only impact Federal expenditures. There is no State discretion involved in implementing this change.