

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: Individual and Family Support Programs

RULE IDENTIFIER: 218-RICR-20-00-6

RULE TITLE: REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: This proposed change is made in accordance with the Director of ORR's announcement of reduction of the Refugee Cash Assistance eligibility period from 12 months to 4 months for participants whose date of eligibility for benefits is on or after May 5, 2025. This rule change was made public on March 21, 2025, and is being incorporated into the DHS rule to comply with this federal regulation.

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

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: The comment period ended on October 26, 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: While constructing the proposed amended regulation, the Department considered a range of sources, including existing Rhode Island regulations and policies of similar subject matter, departmental experience, comparable states, federal partners, and industry best practice