

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**Title of Rule:** REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Rule Identifier:** 218-RICR-20-00-6

**Rulemaking Action:** Direct Final Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: September 25, 2025

End of Public Comment: October 26, 2025

**Rulemaking Authority:**

THE REFUGEE ACT OF 1980

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42.35

45 C.F.R. Part 400

Refugee Resettlement Program.

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

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.

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

If no formal objection is received on or before October 26, 2025, the Department of Human Services will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

Amending the eligibility period from 12 months to 4 months to comply with federal regulations.

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