

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Supplemental Security Income and State Supplemental Payment Rules and Regulations (218-RICR-20-00-5)

Rule Identifier: 218-RICR-20-00-5

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: December 8, 2025

End of Public Comment: January 7, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 40-8

Title XVI of the Social Security Act

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This rule is being amended to reflect the Federal Social Security Administration's Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) scheduled for January 1, 2026. This change is being implemented at \$5.6 Rhode Island Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and State Supplemental Payment Rates.

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 January 7, 2026, 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:

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.

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