

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

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Group Family Child Care Home Regulations for Licensure

Rule Identifier: 218-RICR-70-00-7

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Repeal

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: May 21, 2026

End of Public Comment: June 20, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-12.5

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The Department of Human Services is repealing this regulation to incorporate it into the Family Child Care Home Regulations for Licensure for a more streamlined process for child care providers.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed repeal until June 20, 2026 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

Repealing this regulation and incorporating into the Family Child Care Home Regulations for Licensure provides a streamlined process for Family Child Care providers and ensures that RI families have access to safe childcare.

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