

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-20-00-15

RULE TITLE: THE RHODE ISLAND ORGAN TRANSPLANT FUND

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: This proposed regulation is being adopted to establish policies and procedures in implementing the Rhode Island Transplant Fund per R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-11-13. It formalizes the eligibility and disbursement procedures to ensure assistance is provided within statutory limits and available resources.

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

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: The comment period ended on August 21, 2026. 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 Rhode Island Organ Transplant Fund (R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-11-13) addresses financial gaps for residents by covering non-reimbursed costs like immunosuppressive drugs and out-of-state lodging. Administered by the DHS, the Fund is a non-entitlement program prohibited from incurring deficits.