



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CONCISE SUMMARY
OF PROPOSED NON-TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS**

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Department of Human Services

DIVISION: Individual and Family Supports

RULE IDENTIFIER: 218-RICR-20-00-2

RULE TITLE: Rhode Island Works Program Rules and Regulations

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: This amendment is being made in accordance with R.I. Gen. Law § 40-5.2-35 which increases the amount of child support that is passed through to families. The monthly maximum was up to \$50 of child support passed through to RI Works families, regardless of family size. The change increases the monthly maximum to \$100 for families with one child and to \$200 for families with more than one child.

This amendment also incorporates the PEB that will provide \$200 to RI Works participants who become employed. The benefit will be available for a maximum of 12 months if the family maintains employment at least 30 hours per week

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

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: No testimony or comments were received.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: No changes were made to the text of the rule.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: The proposed amendments to the Rhode Island Works Program Rules and Regulations (218-RICR-20-00-2) implement statutory changes that increase the monthly child support pass-through amount from \$50 to \$100 for families with one child and \$200 for families with more than one child. The amendments also establish a Post-Employment Benefit (PEB) of \$200 per month for up to 12 months for eligible families maintaining employment of at least 30 hours per week. These changes are intended to provide additional financial support, promote job retention, and encourage economic self-sufficiency.