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-20-00-1

RULE TITLE: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: This amendment is being filed to comply with the fiscal year (FY) 2027 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) maximum allotments, income eligibility standards, and deductions in accordance with the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 ("the Act") effective as of October 1, 2026.

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

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: The comment period ended on October 25, 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: To meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing food insecurity, benefit amounts and deductions have increased to reflect recent changes in cost of living due to inflation. Updates and increases to allowable deductions and eligibility standards result in increased benefits to SNAP participants.