

**State of Rhode Island
Department of Administration
Office of Management and Budget**

Fiscal Note for Proposed Administrative Rules (R.I.G.L. § 22-12-1.1)

Name of Administrative Rule: Child Care Assistance Program Rules and Regulations (218-RICR-20-00-4)

FISCAL IMPACT					
State Revenues		State Expenditures		City/Town Expenditures	
FY 2027	\$ 0	FY 2027	\$1,184,214	FY 2027	\$ 0
FY 2028	\$ 0	FY 2028	\$5,510,055	FY 2028	\$ 0
FY 2029	\$ 0	FY 2029	\$6,760,912	FY 2029	\$ 0

Summary of Policy Change: The FY 27 Rhode Island state budget approved expanded eligibility for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) by increasing the household income limit for eligible families from two hundred sixty-one percent (261%) to two hundred eighty-five percent (285%) of the federal poverty level (FPL), effective January 1, 2027. The budget also increases the income threshold for Transitional Child Care from three hundred percent (300%) to three hundred twenty-five percent (325%) of FPL. These changes will allow additional Rhode Island families with incomes above the current CCAP eligibility limit to qualify for child care assistance and will extend transitional assistance to families whose incomes exceed the new eligibility threshold.

Summary of State Fiscal Impact: The anticipated state fiscal impact associated with the proposed increase to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) eligibility threshold for child care assistance is expected to be absorbed within existing caseload resources and through the utilization of available Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) funding. The fiscal impact estimate is based on current CCAP utilization at eligibility levels up to 325% of the FPL and the projected number of additional individuals who would become eligible for child care assistance under the proposed increase.

City or Town Impact: There is no city or town impact for this policy change.

Approved on: 10/8/2026 by Libby Kimzey, Department of Human Service Chief Financial Officer