

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

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to HealthSource RI (220-RICR-90-00-1)

Rule Identifier: 220-RICR-90-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: May 3, 2022

End of Public Comment: June 2, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-157-14

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-7.2-1 et seq.

45 C.F.R. § 155.410(g)

45 C.F.R. § 155.315(h)

45 C.F.R. § 155.105(e)

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

HealthSource RI ("HSRI") proposes to establish a program for automatically enrolling eligible individuals who lose Medicaid at the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency into a health plan available through HSRI. HSRI also proposes to establish a program for utilizing funds appropriated from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to HSRI to pay an eligible individual's first month's premium.

This proposed amendment makes the following changes to the regulatory status quo:

220-RICR-90-00-1.2(A) – adds R.I. Gen. Laws. § 42-7.2-1 et seq. as an additional source of authority;

220-RICR-90-00-1.3 – updates version of federal regulations incorporated into this regulation from 2018 to 2022; and

220-RICR-90-00-1.8(D) – creates a new section (D) that establishes the time and manner in which HSRI may automatically enroll eligible individuals and pay their first month's premium.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until June 2, 2022 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:

HSRI analyzed the benefits and costs of a reasonable range of regulatory alternatives in determining the appropriate automatic enrollment program eligibility parameters, health plan assignment, coverage effectuation, noticing, and alternate income verification process. Pursuant to this regulatory analysis, HSRI determined that there is no alternative approach among the alternatives considered which would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons. For more information, please refer to the attached regulatory analysis.

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