

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: Executive Office of Health and Human Services

DIVISION: *(If any)* Medicaid Policy Unit

RULE IDENTIFIER: 210-RICR-10-05-2

RULE TITLE: Appeals Process and Procedures for EOHHS Agencies and Programs

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The Executive Office of Health and Human Services proposes to amend these regulations in order to eliminate provisions related to the Rhody Health Options (RHO) Phase I initiative. The SFY 2019 Budget included a budget initiative that restructures the delivery system for individuals who have Medicare and Medicaid coverage (i.e., dual-eligible beneficiaries) or Medicaid coverage due to a disability, chronic condition or require an institutional level of care and receive LTSS. This redesign will achieve a more cost-effective transitional managed arrangement as a foundation for a new innovative permanent arrangement to be developed for SFY 2020. Medicaid beneficiaries participating in RHO Phase I (also known as “Neighborhood UNITY”) will be transitioned into a managed FFS arrangement on October 1, 2018 when RHO Phase I ends.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: *(if any)* N/A

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: N/A

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: N/A

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: Societal costs and benefits have not been calculated in this instance. To be in conformity with the state and federal requirements, the state has little discretion in promulgating this rule. For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person.

DATE THE FINAL RULE WAS SIGNED BY THE AGENCY HEAD: [Please see date of electronic signature.](#)