

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Title of Rule:** Medicaid Application and Renewal Processes 210-RICR-30-00-3

**Rule Identifier:** 210-RICR-30-00-3

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: 08/03/2021

End of Public Comment: 09/02/2021

**Authority for this Rulemaking:**

Chapters 40-6 and 40-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended; Title XIX of the Social Security Act

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

EOHHS will postpone the processing of annual Medicaid eligibility renewals that fall during the novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) declaration of emergency until the termination of the Federal COVID-19 declaration of emergency. This includes the suspension of periodic data checks for unemployment, SWICA, TALX and other sources and suspension of quarterly post-eligibility verifications. These provisions will not cease upon the termination of the State-declared Public Health Emergency, in order to ensure the continuation of EOHHS' eligibility for enhanced Federal funding.

**Additional Information and Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until September 2, 2021 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 an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

This amendment provides for more flexible eligibility standards.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.