

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Community Medicaid: Medically Needy Eligibility (210-RICR-40-05-2)

Rule Identifier: 210-RICR-40-05-2

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:

To ensure EOHHS' continuation of eligibility for enhanced federal funding, during the novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) federal declaration of emergency, the state will temporarily extend the six (6) month eligibility period. This extension will last until the end of the federal emergency period. This extension supersedes all references to the six (6) month eligibility period for the duration of the COVID-19 federal declaration of emergency.

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.