

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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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 (EOHHS)

**DIVISION:** Medicaid Policy Unit

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** 210-RICR-40-00-3

**RULE TITLE:** Chapter 40 – Medicaid For Elders and Adults with Disabilities, Subchapter 00 – Integrated Coverage Groups, Part 3 Medicaid Integrated Health Care Coverage, SSI Financial Eligibility Determinations

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:**

Pursuant to **42 U.S.C. §415(i)**, the federal government is required to make COLA adjustments to SSI benefits. As a result, we must reflect those updates in our regulations. This amendment makes the annual update to Medicaid regulation to reflect the 5.9% cost-of-living increase for 2022 on the State Supplementary Payments and the Medically Needy Income Limit.

**ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE:** *N/A*

**TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:** No objections or comments were received.

**CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:** No objections or comments were received. Therefore, the final rule is the same as what was proposed.

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:**

This regulation does not impact small business. In the development of the proposed adoption, consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.