

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Medicaid Integrated Health Care Coverage, SSI Financial Eligibility Determinations (210-RICR-40-00-3)

Rule Identifier: 210-RICR-40-00-3

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: January 5, 2022

End of Public Comment: February 4, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

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:

Certain Medicaid income and resource standards are adjusted annually in accordance with changes in the SSI federal benefit rate (FBR) and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). These include some of the standards described in section 1924 of the Social Security Act (the Act), which describes the financial eligibility rules (the "spousal impoverishment rules") that apply when married individuals seek coverage of certain long-term services and supports. Each January, updates must be made to the SSI benefits in order to reflect the annual COLA adjustments.

Amendments:

These amendments reflect the 2022 COLA updates that are in effect January 1, 2022.

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before February 4, 2022, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

Adjusts the State Supplementary Payments and Medically Needy Income Limit to reflect the increase in cost of living.

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