

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Department of Administration
Office of Management and Budget

Fiscal Note for Proposed Administrative Rules (R.I.G.L. § 22-12-1.1)

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

FISCAL IMPACT					
<i>State Revenues</i>		<i>State Expenditures</i>		<i>City/Town Expenditures</i>	
FY 2023	\$0	FY 2023	Adopted in CEC	FY 2023	\$0
FY 2024	\$0	FY 2024	Adopted in CEC	FY 2024	\$0
FY 2025	\$0	FY 2025	Adopted in CEC	FY 2025	\$0

Summary of Policy Change: Effective 1/1/2023, unless otherwise indicated, SSI benefits will be increased by 8.7% to reflect the Cost-of Living Adjustment (COLA) adopted by the Social Security Administration (SSA). The following amounts codified in 210-RICR-40-00-3 must be adjusted to reflect the 8.7% COLA adjustment:

- Monthly Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)
- Optional State Supplement Payment (SSP) Limits
- Medically Needy Income Standard for Non-LTSS Elders and Adults with Disabilities & Refugee Medical Assistance
- Student Earned Income Exclusion
- Maximum Monthly Maintenance of Need Allowance
- Minimum/Maximum Community Spouse Resource Standards
- Minimum Home Equity Limit
- Medically Needy Standards by Family Size

Summary of State Fiscal Impact: The impact would be indeterminate and is assumed in the adopted Caseload Estimating Conference estimate for FY 2023 and FY 2024, and will be for FY 2025. As beneficiaries’ income increases, so too do the amounts beneficiaries can keep while still qualifying for Medicaid benefits. The adopted CEC estimates for LTSS services generally include the same inflationary increases required by federal law, and these are factored into the patient share projections implicit in the estimates.

The work involved in getting a precise estimate is difficult and would involve a simulation in the allowance changes using actual member records, which would also need to account for members’ income for social security/SSI benefits. DHS might be able to do this, but it would be difficult to account for the change in income. Due to the work involved, and because it is assumed in the adapted Caseload, EOHHS prefers to provide a specific amount as it is already included in the adopted estimate.

City or Town Impact: None