CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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-10-00-1

RULE TITLE: Chapter 10 – EOHHS General Provisions, Subchapter 00 – General Provisions, Part 1 Overview of the Rhode Island Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs

REASON FOR RULEMAKING:
On 5/18/23, Governor McKee signed the Equality in Abortion Coverage Act which directed EOHHS to cover abortions for Medicaid beneficiaries. Federal law restricts coverage of abortions to instances of rape, incest, or in order to preserve the life of the mother. The State will pay for coverage of all other abortions with state only dollars.

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.