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-30-00-3

RULE TITLE: Chapter 30 – Medicaid for Children, Families and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Adults, Subchapter 00 – Affordable Coverage Groups, Part 3 Medicaid Application and Renewal Process

REASON FOR RULEMAKING:
Section 5112 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023) required states to provide 12 months of continuous eligiblity to children in Medicaid and CHIP. Regulations are being amended to reflect this change in policy.

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 amendment ensures compliance with the federal requirement that children in Medicaid remain continuously enrolled for 12 months. This policy change reduces churn and ensures more stable healthcare coverage for children enrolled in Medicaid. 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.