

## 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-20-00-1

**RULE TITLE:** Chapter 20 – Medicaid Payments and Providers, Subchapter 00 –  
N/A, Part 1 Medicaid Payments and Providers

### REASON FOR RULEMAKING:

In response to emerging concerns related to potential fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) and the health and safety of Medicaid beneficiaries, the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is proposing updates to the Community Health Worker (CHW) program to strengthen oversight, safeguard beneficiary health and safety and Medicaid funds, and ensure the continued integrity of the program.

EOHHS has identified a need to enhance provider screening and improve documentation and billing standards to better align with federal and state program integrity requirements. As part of this effort, CHW providers will be designated as high-risk providers for the purposes of enrollment, which will include additional screening measures to protect the health and safety of Medicaid members and promote the appropriate use of Medicaid resources.

These updates are necessary to maintain compliance with federal Medicaid standards and to preserve continued access to federal funding.

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

**TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:** Comments were received and are summarized in the response to comments document.

**CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:** N/A

### REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

In the development of this 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.

