

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: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: January 9, 2026

End of Public Comment: February 8, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-7.2

Title XIX of the Social Security Act

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

Effective 1/1/26, the Medically Needy Standards by Family Size are increased in accordance with the yearly increase in CPI-U.

Additionally, regulation is being amended to reflect the state's use of commercial datasources to support income verification.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until February 8, 2026 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

These changes adjust the Medically Needy Income Limit to reflect increases in the cost of living and accurately reflects the state's use of commercial data sources to support income verification, both of which help to ensure proper eligibility determinations.

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