

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, the following is a concise explanatory statement:

**AGENCY:** Executive Office of Health and Human Services

**DIVISION:** Medicaid

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** 210-RICR-50-00-6

**RULE TITLE:** Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports: Financial Eligibility

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:** This amendment aligns state regulations regarding financial eligibility for long-term services and supports (LTSS) with federal law. Specifically, the amendment removes the existing \$15,000 cap on pooled trusts, updates the transfer penalty divisor to adjust for inflation, and makes other technical and clarifying edits.

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

**TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:** One comment was received and is summarized in the response to comments document.

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

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:** This update is required to ensure alignment with federal and state authorities and to clarify current practice. These changes maintain the integrity of the Rhode Island Medicaid program and preserve federal funding. 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. For full regulatory analysis contact the agency point of contact.