

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Medicaid for Elders and Adults with Disabilities: Community Medicaid

Rule Identifier: 210-RICR-40-05-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: August 27, 2026

End of Public Comment: September 26, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 40-6

R.I. Gen. Laws § 40-8

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-7.2

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This amendment reflects a change in the income eligibility requirements for the Medicare Premium Payment Program that was made in the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Enacted Budget. The FY 2026 Budget increased the effective income limit for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) and Qualifying Individual (QI) eligibility pathways by applying income disregards. The effective income limits increased from 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL) to 125% FPL for QMB, and from 135% FPL to 168% FPL for QI. This amendment includes other technical and clarifying edits.

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 September 26, 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:

This update is required to align with the FY 2026 Enacted Budget. Other technical revisions are expected to clarify current practice. 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 or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.