

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Non-Financial General Eligibility Requirements (210-RICR-10-00-3)

Rule Identifier: 210-RICR-10-00-3

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: September 17, 2026

End of Public Comment: October 17, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

Title XIX of the Social Security Act

Title XXI of the Social Security Act

R.I. Gen. Laws § 40-8

R.I. Gen. Laws § 40-8.4 to 40-8.12

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-12.3

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This amendment makes changes to the citizenship and immigration status requirements included in state Medicaid regulations to align with new federal limitations, established in Section 71109 of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Pub. L. No. 119-21, codified at 42 U.S.C. § 1396b(v)(5). This amendment also makes technical edits and organizational changes to improve clarity.

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 October 17, 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 new federal limitations. 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.