

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**5/26/20 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RHODE ISLAND CHIP
STATE PLAN**

In accordance Rhode Island General Laws 42-35, notice is hereby given that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) proposes to make the following amendment to the Rhode Island CHIP State Plan under Title XXI of the Social Security Act:

SUPPORT Act Mental Health Service Provisions in CHIP

EOHHS is proposing to submit an amendment to the CHIP State Plan. This amendment will ensure compliance with Section 5022 of the SUPPORT Act that specifically requires that child health and pregnancy related assistance include coverage of mental health services (including behavioral health) necessary to prevent, diagnose, and treat a broad range of mental health symptoms and disorders, including substance use disorders.

The proposed effective date of this change is October 1, 2019. This is not expected to have any financial impact to annual expenditures, as this SPA is codifying existing practices.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-1501 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by June 25, 2020 to Gretchen Bell, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or Gretchen.Bell@ohhs.ri.gov.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted on the proposed State Plan Amendment if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

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