

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

**11/18/2022 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID
STATE PLAN**

In accordance with 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 State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

RIte Smiles Enrollment for Adults

EOHHS is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of an 1135 Disaster State Plan Amendment (SPA) to update Rhode Island's Medicaid State Plan to maintain enrollment in the dental managed care program "RIte Smiles" for adults ages 21 and over. This SPA is being submitted through an 1135 Disaster Template and the relevant section is pasted below this notice.

The proposed effective date of these changes is the day after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) and these changes will expire on January 1, 2024. The estimated fiscal impact of these changes is \$295,979.

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 December 18, 2022 to Katy Thomas, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or Kathryn.thomas@ohhs.ri.gov or via phone at (401) 462-2598.

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 ten (10) days of this notice.

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**Original signed by Ana Novais, Acting Secretary, Rhode Island Executive Office of Health
and Human Services**

Signed this 18th day of November, 2022

7.4.C. Temporary Policies in effect following the COVID-19 National Emergency

Effective the day after the end of the PHE until January 1, 2024, the agency temporarily implements the following changes to the state plan:

Enrollment in Managed Care program for Dental Services

The State elects to maintain enrollment in the dental managed care program “Rite Smiles” for individuals aged 21 and older who, absent Public Health Emergency (PHE) requirements, would have “aged out” of Rite Smiles during the PHE, but who, due to PHE requirements, were not transitioned to the fee-for-service delivery system for dental services during the PHE. This provision applies to individuals who continue to be eligible for Medicaid and will not affect the State’s process for redetermining Medicaid eligibility.