

**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:

Waiver of Signature Requirements for Dispensing of Drugs

EOHHS is submitting an 1135 Disaster State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to update Rhode Island's Medicaid State Plan to waive any signature requirements for the dispensing of drugs during the Public Health Emergency (PHE) 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 start of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). No fiscal impact is anticipated.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2407 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by December 18, 2022 to Brittany Church, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or Brittany.Church@ohhs.ri.gov or via phone at (401) 462-2407.

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. Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Emergency

Drug Benefit:

1. The agency makes the following adjustments to the day supply or quantity limit for covered outpatient drugs. The agency should only make this modification if its current state plan pages have limits on the amount of medication dispensed.

Please describe the change in days or quantities that are allowed for the emergency period and for which drugs.

[The State is requesting to waive any signature requirements for the dispensing of drugs during the Public Health Emergency](#)

2. Prior authorization for medications is expanded by automatic renewal without clinical review, or time/quantity extensions.
3. The agency makes the following payment adjustment to the professional dispensing fee when additional costs are incurred by the providers for delivery. States will need to supply documentation to justify the additional fees.

Please describe the manner in which professional dispensing fees are adjusted.

4. The agency makes exceptions to their published Preferred Drug List if drug shortages occur. This would include options for covering a brand name drug product that is a multi-source drug if a generic drug option is not available.