

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

**1/21/21 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RHODE ISLAND  
MEDICAID 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 State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

**Medicaid Disaster Relief SPA: New Flexibilities During COVID-19 Emergency**

In response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) declaration of emergency, EOHHS has requested authority to cover experimental or investigational vaccines and treatments that are expressly approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be utilized to treat or prevent the contraction of COVID-19, even if only on an Emergency Use authorization basis, including the ingredient cost of the drug and its administration, unless such costs are covered by the federal government. The requested effective date is November 9, 2020. This amendment is anticipated to increase annual expenditures by \$288,000 All Funds.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website ([www.eohhs.ri.gov](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov)) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-6348 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by February 22, 2021 to Melody Lawrence, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or [Melody.Lawrence@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:Melody.Lawrence@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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