

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

**3/16/2020 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 State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

CHIP Disaster Relief SPA: Eligibility Renewal Delays During COVID-19 Emergency

EOHHS is seeking federal authority to postpone the following processes related to CHIP eligibility renewals for sixty (60) days or until the termination of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) declaration of emergency, whichever is longer:

1. CHIP eligibility renewals and actions on changes in circumstances affecting eligibility; and
2. Processing of information received from individuals that submits information to EOHHS that was requested sixty (60) days prior to the start of the COVID-19 emergency declaration in order to renew their eligibility;

The financial impact to annual expenditures of this temporary change relies on the length of the state of emergency, whether Congress is able to increase the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), and the duration of federal financial relief. The proposed effective date of this change is March 16, 2020.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (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 April 15, 2020 to Melody Lawrence, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or 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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