

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

**6/30/22 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:

First Connections eFMAP Rate Increase

EOHHS is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide temporary rate increases to providers of First Connections services as authorized by Section 9817 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The amendment would temporarily increase rates for visits to families with newborns from nurses, social workers, and community health workers and provide increased funding for in-take visits between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

These changes are proposed to take temporary effect on July 1, 2022 and end June 30, 2023. The fiscal impact is expected to be a total of approximately \$1,546,919 all funds across FFY22 and FFY23

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2598 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by July 30, 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 42-35-2.8, 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 30th day of June, 2022

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Reimbursement for Preventive Services: First Connections Services

1. Payment methodology
 - a. Agencies bill the state Medicaid agency or RIDOH directly on a per-visit basis
 - b. The rates are structured to capture the cost of direct services, including intake visits and care coordination, and indirect services, such as billing activities in accordance with 2CFR 200 and the RI approved cost allocation plan.

2. Rate Increases:
EOHHS does not increase rates based on a set inflation factor on a pre-determined basis. The State will provide a temporary rate increase for the services below to stabilize the First Connections program following the high volume of referrals and need for care coordination during the COVID PHE.

<u>Provider Type</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Description of Code</u>	<u>Percentage Increase above June 30, 2022 Rate</u>
<u>010- Skilled Nursing 059- Early Intervention</u>	<u>99502TD</u>	<u>Home visit newborn care and assessment; Nurse</u>	<u>227%</u>
<u>010- Skilled Nursing 059- Early Intervention</u>	<u>99502AJ</u>	<u>Home visit newborn care and assessment; Social Worker</u>	<u>219%</u>
<u>010- Skilled Nursing 059- Early Intervention</u>	<u>99502</u>	<u>Home visit for newborn care and assessment</u>	<u>243%</u>
<u>010- Skilled Nursing 059- Early Intervention</u>	<u>H1000</u>	<u>Prenatal care, at risk assessment</u>	<u>NEW</u>

3. Date of Effective Rates
EOHHS’ rates were set as of April 1, 2022 and are effective for services on or after that date. Effective June 30, 2023, the temporary rate increases reflected in the table above will end and the rates will return to the amounts effective prior to July 1, 2022.