

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Medicaid Integrated Health Care Coverage, SSI Financial Eligibility Determinations (210-RICR-40-00-3)

Rule Identifier: 210-RICR-40-00-3

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: March 23, 2023

End of Public Comment: April 22, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(d)

42 U.S.C 415(i)

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

Pursuant to **42 U.S.C. §415(i)**, the federal government is required to make annual COLA adjustments to SSI benefits. We must reflect those updates in our regulations. The following items are being updated in the regulation: Monthly Federal Benefit Rate (FBR), Optional State Supplement Payment (SSP) Limits, Medically Needy Income Standard for Non-LTSS Elders and Adults with Disabilities & Refugee Medical Assistance, Student Earned Income Exclusion, Maximum Monthly Maintenance of Need Allowance, Minimum/Maximum Community Spouse Resource Standards, Minimum Home Equity Limit, and Medically Needy Standards by Family Size.

The updated dollar amounts in this regulation directly impact Medicaid benefits and eligibility and are effective as of 1/1/2023.

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before April 22, 2023, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

Katy Thomas

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

3 West Rd.

Cranston, RI 02920

kathryn.thomas@ohhs.ri.gov

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

Adjusts the State Supplementary Payments and Medically Needy Income Limit to reflect the increase in cost of living.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.