

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Title of Rule:** Uniform Accountability Procedures for Title XIX Resident Personal Needs Funds in Community Nursing Facilities, ICF/DD Facilities, and Assisted Living Residences (210-RICR-50-05-2)

**Rule Identifier:** 210-RICR-50-05-2

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: August 31, 2023

End of Public Comment: September 30, 2023

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 40-8 and §§ 40-8-32 and 23-17.5-15; CFR 42 § 483.10; and Title XIX of the Social Security Act

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R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-7.2

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

Effective 7/1/23, as part of the FY2024 Budget as enacted, the RI legislature directed EOHHS to raise the state supplemental payment personal needs allowance for institutionalized individuals from twenty dollars (\$20.00) to forty-five dollars (\$45.00). This raises the total personal needs allowance for institutionalized individuals (state and federal) from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until September 30, 2023 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental 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 the publication of this notice.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

It is essential that regulation reflect the updated personal needs allowance values in order to ensure Medicaid beneficiaries living in institutions have access to the correct amount of money for their personal expenses.

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