

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Self-Directed Care
Rule Identifier: 210-RICR-50-10-2
Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: November 8, 2023
End of Public Comment: December 8, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

Chapters 40-6 and 40-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws

as amended; Title XIX of the Social Security Act

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This amendment updates the self-direction regulation to reflect the programmatic changes needed to merge the Independent Provider (IP) program into the Personal Choice program pursuant to the Personal Choice Self-Directed Personal Care Services Act of 2023 (2023-H-5991Aaa and 2023-S-1030Aaa). EOHHS will now have one self-directed program, called Personal Choice, that retains the registry option from the IP program. IP participants will transition to the Personal Choice program and benefit from additional flexibility in choosing the rate of pay for their PCA and accessing goods and services.

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 December 8, 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:

These changes are required by law. RI EOHHS will be able to streamline management of self-direction and retain the strongest features of the Independent Provider and Personal Choice programs.

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