

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

**11/22/2023 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:

Vaccine Administration Coverage

EOHHS is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to update Rhode Island's Medicaid State Plan to attest coverage of all approved vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and their administration when furnished by a qualified provider as required by the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

These changes are proposed to take effect on October 1, 2023 and are not expected to result in any fiscal impact.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2407 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by December 21, 2023 to Brittany Church, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or Brittany.Church@ohhs.ri.gov or via phone at (401) 462-2407.

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 Richard Charest, Secretary, Rhode Island Executive Office of Health
and Human Services
Signed this 22nd day of November, 2023**

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13C. Preventive Services (cont.)

13C.4 Vaccine Administration

Approved vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and their administration are covered, as described in section 1905(a)(13)(B) of the Act when furnished by a qualified provider.

The state has methods to ensure that its coverage and billing codes of approved vaccines and their administration are updated as necessary to reflect changes to ACIP recommendations.

Qualified Providers: To qualify for administering vaccines, an individual must be a physician, a nurse practitioners (NP), an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), a physician assistant (PA), or a licensed pharmacist, a licensed pharmacy intern or a licensed pharmacy technician.