

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Medicaid for Elders and Adults with Disabilities: Community Medicaid (210-RICR-40-05-1)

Rule Identifier: 210-RICR-40-05-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: August 29, 2024

End of Public Comment: September 30, 2024

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 40-6 ; 40-8; and 42-35; Title XIX of the Social Security Act

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-7.2

Title XIX of the Social Security Act

R.I. Gen. Laws § 40-8.7

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

As part of the FY24 Budget, the RI legislature directed OHHS Medicaid to establish a Medicaid buy-in program for working people with disabilities using the "Ticket to Work" federal Medicaid option.

People currently enrolled in the Sherlock Plan will not experience any programmatic changes when their program switches to be called Ticket to Work. For those already on Sherlock, this will amount to a program name change and nothing more. For people under age 65 who earn too much money to qualify for Sherlock, Ticket to Work may be an opportunity to access Medicaid eligibility by paying a monthly premium. For people over 65, the Sherlock Plan will continue in its current form.

Although it has the same name, this new Medicaid eligibility program is NOT related to the Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work employment program and does not add new rules about what jobs qualify a person for Medicaid buy-in eligibility.

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, 2024 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 Rhode Island General Law and will expand Medicaid eligibility for working people with disabilities.

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