

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)
DATE: May 14, 2025
SUBJECT: Public Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

These regulations are being promulgated pursuant to the authority contained in R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 40-8 (Medical Assistance); R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 40-6 (“Public Assistance”); R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-7.2; R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35; and Title XIX of the Social Security Act;

210-RICR-30-05-3, RIte Share Premium Assistance Program

The Secretary of the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has under consideration an amendment to the Medicaid regulations entitled, 210-RICR-30-00-1 RIte Share Premium Assistance Program.

EOHHS is revising regulation to remove the incorrect Parent/Caretaker income threshold. The agency incorrectly implemented a threshold of 136% FPL (141% with the 5% disregard) for which the agency does not have authority.

Additionally, EOHHS is revising and restructuring the regulation for clarity and to more accurately reflect RIte Share Program operations. Such revisions include the removal of language describing how the RIte Share program navigates employer sponsored insurance (ESI) of a non-custodial parent as this policy is no longer in effect and addition of insurance brokers and carriers as accessible sources of information regarding ESI.

Technical revisions are also included in this amendment.

These proposed rules are accessible on the R.I. Secretary of State’s website: <http://www.sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/>, the EOHHS website: www.eohhs.ri.gov, or available in hard copy upon request (401 462-1501 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by **June 13, 2025** to Katy Thomas, RI Executive Office of Health & Human Services, Virks Building, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI 02920 or Kathryn.thomas@ohhs.ri.gov.

In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws 42-35-2.8(c), an opportunity for a hearing will be granted if a request is received by twenty-five (25) persons, or by a governmental agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members, within ten (10) days of this notice that is posted in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws 42-35-2.8(a). A hearing must be open to the public, recorded, and held at least five (5) days before the end of the public comment period.

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