

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Medicaid Payments and Providers

Rule Identifier: 210-RICR-20-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: June 25, 2025

End of Public Comment: July 25, 2025

Rulemaking Authority:

Chapters 40-6

40-8

and 42-7.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws as amended

Title XIX of the Social Security Act

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.10

42 CFR 424.518

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

In response to emerging concerns related to potential fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) and the health and safety of Medicaid beneficiaries, the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is proposing updates to the Community Health Worker (CHW) program to strengthen oversight, safeguard beneficiary health and safety and Medicaid funds, and ensure the continued integrity of the program.

EOHHS has identified a need to enhance provider screening and improve documentation and billing standards to better align with federal and state program integrity requirements. As part of this effort, CHW providers will be designated as high-risk providers for the purposes of enrollment, which will include additional screening measures to protect the health and safety of Medicaid members and promote the appropriate use of Medicaid resources.

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 July 25, 2025 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:

This amendment will enhance provider screening to better align with federal and state program integrity requirement, help protect the health and safety of Medicaid members, and promote the appropriate use of Medicaid resources. In the development of this proposed amendment, consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

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