

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

**8/27/2026 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:

Citizenship Eligibility Requirements in Medicaid and CHIP

EOHHS is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to update Rhode Island's Medicaid State Plan to comply with changes to Medicaid and CHIP eligibility rules related to citizenship and immigration status required by Section 71109 of H.R. 1 (Public Law 119-21). A technical edit is also being made to indicate that the state extends the Reasonable Opportunity Period when more time is needed to complete the verification process.

The effective date of this state plan amendment is October 1, 2026. This change is expected to reduce expenditures by approximately \$24,357,225 in SFY27 and \$32,476,300 in SFY28 (all funds).

This proposed amendment is accessible on 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 **September 26, 2026** to OHHS Policy, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or OHHS.Policy@ohhs.ri.gov or via phone at (401) 462-2598.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted on the proposed State Plan Amendment if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, a state 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 26th day of August, 2026

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☒ The state provides Medicaid to citizens and nationals of the United States and certain noncitizens who meet all other Medicaid eligibility requirements under the state plan, including for coverage for individuals for whom federal financial participation (FFP) is available consistent with section 1903(v)(5) of the Social Security Act (the Act) ("FFP-eligible noncitizens"), and during a reasonable opportunity period pending verification of their citizenship, U.S. national, or satisfactory immigration status.

A. Citizens, Nationals and FFP-Eligible Noncitizens

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☒ The state provides Medicaid eligibility to individuals who meet all eligibility requirements in the State, including who are residents of 1 of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States and:

- Who are U.S. citizens or nationals of the United States; or
- Who are FFP-eligible noncitizens in an immigration status or category listed in section 1903(v)(5) of the Act and are not restricted by section 403 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. § 1613):
 - Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs)—Section 1903(v)(5)(B)(ii) of the Act
 - Cuban/Haitian entrants—Section 1903(v)(5)(B)(iii) of the Act
 - Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants—Section 1903(v)(5)(B)(iv) of the Act

and

- Who have declared themselves to be citizens or nationals of the United States or noncitizens having satisfactory immigration status, during a reasonable opportunity period, pending verification of their U.S. citizenship, U.S. national, or satisfactory immigration status consistent with requirements of sections 1903(x), 1137(d), and 1902(ee) of the Act and regulations at 42 C.F.R. §§ 435.406, 407, 911, and 956.

The reasonable opportunity period begins on and extends 90 days from the date the notice of reasonable opportunity is received by the individual.

- The agency provides for an extension of the reasonable opportunity period for noncitizens if the noncitizen is making a good faith effort to resolve any inconsistencies or obtain any necessary documentation, or the agency needs more time to complete the verification process.

☒ Yes

☐ No
- ☒ b. When a reasonable opportunity period is provided, the agency furnishes benefits to otherwise eligible individuals on the following date:

The date benefits are furnished is:

☐ i. The date of the application containing the declaration of U.S. citizenship, U.S. national, or satisfactory immigration status.

☒ ii. The first day of the month of application.

B. Optional Coverage of All FFP-Eligible Noncitizens

The state provides Medicaid coverage to LPRs, Cuban/Haitian entrants, and COFA migrants whose eligibility is not restricted by section 403 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. § 1613) and meet all other eligibility requirements in the state plan.

☒ Yes

☐ No

C. Coverage of Lawfully Residing Individuals

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The state elects the option to provide Medicaid coverage to lawfully residing pregnant women and/or children in the United States, as provided in section 1903(v) (4) of the Act who meet all other eligibility requirements in the state plan.

☒ Yes

☐ No

☒ 1. Pregnant women

☒ 2. Individuals under a specified age:

☐ a. Individuals under age 21

☐ b. Individuals under age 20

☒ c. Individuals under age 19

3. An individual is considered to be lawfully residing in the United States if he or she is lawfully present and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements in the state plan.

4. An individual is considered to be lawfully present in the United States if they are:

a. A qualified noncitizen as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1641(b) and (c);

b. A noncitizen in a valid nonimmigrant status, as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15) or otherwise under the immigration laws (as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17));

c. A noncitizen who has been paroled into the United States in accordance with 8 U.S.C.1182(d)(5) for less than 1 year, except for an individual paroled for prosecution, for deferred inspection or pending removal proceedings;

d. A noncitizen who belongs to one of the following classes:

i. Granted temporary resident status in accordance with 8 U.S.C.1160 or 1255a, respectively;

ii. Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in accordance with 8 U.S.C. §1254a, and individuals with pending applications for TPS who have been granted employment authorization;

iii. Granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a.12(c);

iv. Family Unity beneficiaries in accordance with section 301 of Pub. L. 101-649, as amended;

v. Under Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) in accordance with a decision made by the President;

vi. Granted Deferred Action status;

vii. Granted an administrative stay of removal under 8 CFR 241;

viii. Beneficiary of approved visa petition who has a pending application for adjustment of status;

e. Is an individual with a pending application for asylum under 8 U.S.C. 1158, or for withholding of removal under 8 U.S.C.1231, or under the Convention Against Torture who:

i. Has been granted employment authorization; or

ii. Is under the age of 14 and has had an application pending for at least 180 days;

f. Has been granted withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture;

g. Is a child who has a pending application for Special Immigrant Juvenile status as described in 8 U.S.C.1101(a)(27)(J);

h. Is lawfully present in American Samoa under the immigration laws of American Samoa; or

i. Is a victim of severe trafficking in persons, in accordance with the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-386, as amended (22 §U.S.C. 7105(b)).

j. Exception: An individual with deferred action under the Department of Homeland Security's deferred action for the childhood arrivals process, as described in the Secretary of Homeland Security's June 15, 2012 memorandum, shall not be considered to be lawfully present with respect to any of the above categories in paragraphs (a) through (i) of this definition.

☒ k. Other

Description:

Exceptions:

Individuals granted an administrative stay of removal under 8 CFR 241, described under C.4.d.vii., above, are not considered to be lawfully present;

Individuals granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a.12(c)(35) and (c)(36), described under paragraph C.4.d.iii, are not considered to be lawfully present unless they have an immigration status considered lawfully present under paragraph 4.a. through i.

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D. Emergency Coverage

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- ☒ Regardless of whether an individual has a satisfactory immigration status for full Medicaid benefits, the state assures that it provides care and services that are necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical condition as defined in 1903(v)(3) of the Act, not related to the care and services for an organ transplant procedure, (commonly referred to as "emergency Medicaid"), to the following individuals who meet all Medicaid eligibility requirements, except are not required to have verified U.S. citizenship or satisfactory immigration status and/or present an SSN:

1. LPRs subject to the five-year waiting period described in 8 U.S.C. § 1613(a) and who have not met the five-year waiting period;
2. All other noncitizens who are not FFP-eligible noncitizens, unless covered as a lawfully residing child or pregnant woman by the state under the option in accordance with section 1903(v)(4) of the Act.

E. Additional Information (optional)

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CHIP Eligibility

State Name: Rhode Island

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Citizenship

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Statute: Sections 1137(d), 1902(ee), 1903(v)(4) and (5), 1903(x), 2105(c)(9), and 2107(e)(1)(Q) and (R) of the Social Security Act (the Act); 8 U.S.C. sections 1611, 1613 and 1641

Regulations: 42 CFR 435.406, 407, 956, 457.320(b)(6), (c) and (d), and 457.380(b)

Citizenship

☒ The state provides CHIP to citizens and nationals of the United States and certain noncitizens who meet all other CHIP eligibility requirements under the state plan, including coverage for individuals for whom federal financial participation (FFP) is available consistent with sections 2107(e)(1)(R) and 1903(v)(5) of the Act ("FFP-eligible noncitizens"), and during a reasonable opportunity period pending verification of their U.S. citizenship, U.S. national or satisfactory immigration status.

☐ The CHIP Agency provides eligibility for child and/or pregnancy related health assistance under the Plan to individuals who meet all eligibility requirements, including who are residents of 1 of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States:

Who are citizens or nationals of the United States; or

Who are FFP-eligible noncitizens in an immigration status or category listed in section 1903(v)(5) of the Act and cross-referenced at section 2107(e)(1)(R) of the Act and are not prohibited by section 403 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1613); or

1) Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) - section 1903(v)(5)(B)(ii) of the Act; or

2) Cuban/Haitian entrants - section 1903(v)(5)(B)(iii) of the Act; or

3) Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants - section 1903(v)(5)(B)(iv) of the Act; and

Who have declared themselves to be citizens or nationals of the United States, or noncitizens having satisfactory immigration status, during a reasonable opportunity period, pending verification of their U.S. citizenship, U.S. national, or satisfactory immigration status consistent with requirements of sections 1903(x), 1137(d), 1902(ee), and 2105(c)(9) of the Act, and 42 CFR 435.406, 407, 911, 956, 457.320(d) and 457.380(b).

The reasonable opportunity period begins on and extends 90 days from the date the notice of reasonable opportunity is received by the individual.

The agency provides for an extension of the reasonable opportunity period if the individual is making a good faith effort to resolve any inconsistencies or obtain any necessary documentation, or the agency needs more time to complete the verification process.

Yes

The agency begins to furnish benefits to otherwise eligible individuals during the reasonable opportunity period on a date earlier than the date the notice is received by the individual.

Yes



CHIP Eligibility

The date benefits are furnished is:

- ☐ The date of application containing the declaration of U.S. citizenship, U.S. national, or satisfactory immigration status.
- ☐ The first day of the month of application.
- ☒ Other date, as described:

Once a person has been determined eligible, coverage is effective back to the first month of which they applied

The CHIP Agency elects the option to provide CHIP coverage to children up to age 19, lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in Section 2107(e)(1)(Q) of the Act (cross-reference to section 1903(v)(4) of the Act) who meet all other eligibility requirements in the state plan.

Yes

- ☒ The CHIP Agency provides assurance that lawfully residing children are also covered under the state's Medicaid program.

The CHIP Agency elects the option to provide CHIP coverage to pregnant women lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in section 2107(e)(1)(Q) of the Act (cross-reference to section 1903(v)(4) of the Act), who meet all other eligibility requirements in the state plan. The state may not select this option unless the state also elects to cover lawfully residing children. A state may not select this option unless the state also covers Targeted Low-Income Pregnant Women.

Yes

- ☒ The CHIP Agency provides assurance that lawfully residing pregnant women are also covered under the state's Medicaid program.

- ☐ An individual is considered to be lawfully residing in the United States if he or she is lawfully present and meets state residency requirements and all other eligibility requirements in the state plan.

- ☐ An individual is considered to be lawfully present in the United States if they are:

1. A qualified noncitizen as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b) and (c);
2. A noncitizen in a valid nonimmigrant status, as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15) or otherwise under the immigration laws (as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(17));
3. A noncitizen who has been paroled into the United States in accordance with 8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5) for less than 1 year, except for an individual paroled for prosecution, for deferred inspection or pending removal proceedings;
4. A noncitizen who belongs to one of the following classes:
 - (i) Granted temporary resident status in accordance with 8 U.S.C. §§ 1160 or 1255a, respectively;
 - (ii) Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in accordance with 8 U.S.C. §1254a, and individuals with pending applications for TPS who have been granted employment authorization;
 - (iii) Granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a.12(c);
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 - (viii) Beneficiary of approved visa petition who has a pending application for adjustment of status;



CHIP Eligibility

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 - (i) Has been granted employment authorization; or
 - (ii) Is under the age of 14 and has had an application pending for at least 180 days;
6. Has been granted withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture;
7. Is a child who has a pending application for Special Immigrant Juvenile status as described in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(J);
8. Is lawfully present in American Samoa under the immigration laws of American Samoa; or
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PRA Disclosure Statement

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