

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Medicaid Integrated Health Care Coverage, SSI Financial Eligibility Determinations (210-RICR-40-00-3)

Rule Identifier: 210-RICR-40-00-3

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 05/31/2019

End of Public Comment: 07/01/2019

Authority for this Rulemaking:

Chapters 40-6 and 40-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended; Title XIX of the Social Security Act

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

All SSI recipients are automatically eligible for Medicaid. The State has agreed to determine the eligibility of persons who have an SSI characteristic – 65 and older, blind or disabled – but do not qualify for cash benefits using the SSI methodology and in a manner that is no more restrictive than the way it is applied for SSI. For the purposes of this chapter, the methodology applies to adults with an SSI characteristic – often called SSI lookalikes – who have income at or below the SSI eligibility standard of about 74.5 percent of the FPL as well as those in the State's optional coverage group for low-income elders and adults with disabilities and all populations that qualify for MN eligibility under the Medicaid State Plan. The SSI methodology also applies to persons seeking Medicaid LTSS as indicated in this section.B. The basic tenets of the SSI methodology are established in the rules for determining eligibility for SSI are set forth in the Social Security Administration's regulations at 20 C.F.R. § 416.101, et seq.

Numbers included describe benefits/eligibility

Additional Information and Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before July 1, 2019, Executive Office of Health and Human Services will file the Amendment without opportunity for public comment..

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

Societal costs and benefits have not been calculated in this instance. To be in conformity with federal law, regulations, guidance and state law, the state has little discretion in promulgating this rule.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.