

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

12/23/2014 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO EOHHS STATE PLAN

In accordance Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) 42-35, notice is hereby given that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) proposes to amend the following section of the Rhode Island State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

Medically Needy Benefit Alignment

EOHHS intends to submit to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) an amendment to Rhode Island's Medicaid State Plan relative to the Medically Needy population. This update will make Medically Needy benefits the same as the benefits enjoyed by the Categorically Needy population. There are 4 benefits changes included in this state plan amendment:

1. Hospital emergency department and outpatient clinic visits will now be covered.
2. Podiatrists' Services will now be accessible.
3. Eyeglasses are now available. Medically Needy beneficiaries will be able to obtain one pair of eyeglasses and one eye exam every 2 years.
4. The 210-day limit on hospice care is being removed.

This state plan amendment does not change Medically Needy eligibility, payment methodology, or rates. We are simply adding several benefits to ensure equal coverage between the Medically Needy and Categorically Needy populations.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401 462-1965 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by January 23, 2015 to Darren J. McDonald, Office of Policy and Innovation, R.I. Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920 or darren.mcdonald@ohhs.ri.gov.

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, or an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

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AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED
TO MEDICALLY NEEDY GROUP(S): Aged, Blind, Disabled, and AFDC Related

See Attachment 3.1-A. All services for Medically Needy groups are the same in amount, duration, and scope as those for Categorically Needy groups.

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Approved: _____

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