STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

5/12/2020 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:

Medicaid Disaster Relief SPA: New Flexibilities During COVID-19 Emergency

In response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) declaration of emergency, on May 4,
2020 EOHHS requested authority to provide emergency case management services to Medicaid
beneficiaries who are: 1) residing in homeless shelters, outside, in places not meant for
habitation, or otherwise housing insecure or at imminent risk of homelessness; and 2)
experiencing a mental health or substance use need, a complex physical health need (e.g., a
chronic or acute health condition), or recent hospitalization are homeless. EOHHS originally
requested that this authority be granted through an 1115 Waiver, on April 8, 2020, and CMS
subsequently instructed EOHHS to resubmit the request via a SPA. EOHHS has now updated
the May 4, 2020 submission to include the rate for emergency case management, which will
be $12.13 per 15 minutes. EOHHS requested that the authority be effective April 1, 2020
through the end of the national COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. This new service is
anticipated to increase annual expenditures by $804,000 All Funds.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available
in hard copy upon request (401-462-6348 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should
submit data, views, or written comments by June 3, 2020 to Melody Lawrence, Executive Office
of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or
Melody.Lawrence@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, 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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