



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is scheduling the public hearing noted below in response to a request from Care New England, Charter Care, Rhode Island Hospital Associates, Landmark, South County Health, Woman and Infants and Westerly Hospitals.

The hearing is related to the following EOHHS proposed State Plan Amendments:

In-Patient Hospital Rates

EOHHS is seeking federal authority to freeze the DRG base rate for Medicaid fee-for-service inpatient hospital services for the twelve (12) month period beginning July 1, 2020. This change would result in an annual decrease in expenditures of approximately \$2.5 million all funds for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021. The proposed effective date of this change is July 1, 2020.

Outpatient Hospital Rates

EOHHS is seeking federal authority to freeze Medicaid fee-for-service outpatient hospital rates for the twelve-month (12) period beginning July 1, 2020. This change would result in an annual decrease in expenditures of approximately \$434,000 all funds for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021. The proposed effective date of this change is July 1, 2020.

Out-Patient Hospital Supplemental Payment

EOHHS is seeking federal authority to remove Upper Payment Limit payments (otherwise known as UPL payments) to hospitals for Out-Patient Services from the Medicaid State Plan. This change would result in a reduction in annual expenditures of approximately \$4.6 million all funds. The proposed effective date of this change is July 1, 2020.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, that the Secretary will hold a public hearing on the above mentioned matter on **Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The public hearing will be convened as follows:

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83616328839?pwd=TDFINElrdlpvUnl0TEhxeTdyTGgrUT09>

Meeting ID: 836 1632 8839

Passcode: 194453

Interested parties planning on attending the hearing should contact Gretchen Bell at gretchen.bell@ohhs.ri.gov to register for the hearing in order to receive all hearing exhibits prior to the hearing.

The proposed amendments are 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 close of business on Tuesday, August 23, 2020.**

to: Gretchen Bell, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or gretchen.bell@ohhs.ri.gov.

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Original Signed by: Womazetta Jones, Secretary
Signed this 11th day of August 2020