

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

**10/28/2013 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:

**Alternative Benefit Plan portion of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) intends to seek approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for a state plan amendment to establish an Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Rhode Island will be expanding Medicaid effective 1 January 2014 to adults without dependent children whose income is up to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level. The ACA requires the establishment of an alternative benefit package for the Medicaid Expansion populations. The ABP must cover 10 Essential Health Benefits (EHBs) as described in section 1302(b) of the ACA. The ABP will include Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and all the Medicaid State Plan benefits with exception of Managed Long Term Services and Supports. The State assures that there will be full access to EPSDT services for people under 21 years of age.

The services will be provided through the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations. There will be no cost-sharing requirements in the ABP.

This state plan amendment will not result in additional expenditures for the state for fiscal year 2014. Medicaid coverage for those people gaining eligibility through the expansion will be 100% federally funded. The annual aggregate federal expenditure is unknown at this time.

It is our intention at EOHHS to make this process as transparent and understandable as possible. As such, interested persons are encouraged to submit questions, views, or written comments on the proposed state plan amendments prior to 1 December to Darren J. McDonald, Office of Policy and Innovation, Executive Office of Health and Human Services FL # 1, Louis Pasteur Building, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, or to [dmcDonald@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:dmcDonald@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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