

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

**10/28/2013 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 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 amendments to the Rhode Island State Plan under Title XXI of the Social Security Act:

**Changes to CHIP Eligibility Standards and Procedures as Provided by the Patient
Protection and Affordable Care Act**

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) provides notice of the filing of twenty federally required state plan amendments to modify eligibility standards and processes of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to conform to new requirements set forth in the Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148). CMS directed states to submit these amendments together in order to provide a more comprehensive picture of the state's proposed eligibility framework.

Effective 1 October 2013 the state will use modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) standards to determine income eligibility for the women and children covered by CHIP. The proposed income eligibility standards for the CHIP groups are included in nine of the proposed state plan amendments. These amendments are:

- Targeted Low-Income Children,
- Targeted Low-Income Pregnant Women,
- Conception to Birth,
- Deemed Newborns,
- Children with Access to Public Employee Coverage,
- Pregnant Women with Access to Public Employee Coverage,
- Dental Coverage Only,
- MAGI Income Methodology,
- Spenddowns.

Within this package of state plan amendments, the federal government required the state to specify its manner for calculating income, determining income eligibility levels for children and pregnant women, and addressing children and pregnant women with access to public employee coverage.

One additional state plan amendment covers the state's new single, streamlined application. Additional amendments pertain to establishing MAGI income standards for children and for maintaining children's Medicaid eligibility as a result of the elimination of income disregards.

Eight other state plan amendments are included in this package. They outline citizenship regulations, residency requirements, as well as the policies governing Social Security Numbers,

Substitution of Coverage, Premium Lock-Outs, Continuous Eligibility, and Presumptive Eligibility of Children and Pregnant Women.

The purpose and rationale for these state plan amendments is to conform to federal requirements and exercise newly available state eligibility options.

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.

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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