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The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is advertising the following proposed Category II Change to Rhode Island's Comprehensive 1115 Waiver Demonstration (project no. 11-W-00242/1). The proposed change is:

**Reinventing Medicaid 2015:
Sobering Treatment Opportunity Program**

As part of Governor Gina Raimondo's effort to reform Medicaid, the Working Group to Reinvent Medicaid issued an April report that recommended numerous initiatives to achieve financial savings in State Fiscal Year 2016. The Governor introduced those recommendations in a budget article entitled, "The Reinventing Medicaid Act of 2015." The Rhode Island General Assembly passed the Reinventing Medicaid Act in June.

As a result of the Act's passage, EOHHS is seeking federal authority to implement several changes to the Medicaid program. This Category II request will implement a new program called the Sobering Treatment Opportunity Program (STOP). STOP will provide a combination of short-term recovery programs, assessment for detoxification treatments, transitional services, and/or referral arrangements to people with chronic alcohol dependence. This program will divert chronically inebriated individuals from the emergency room to a lower-cost alternative setting and will seek to connect those people to needed treatment services and supports.

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, November 10, 2015 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, November 10, 2015 10:00 a.m.
Arnold Conference Center
Regan Building
111 Howard Ave
John O. Pastore Complex
Cranston, RI 02920

This proposed Category II Change is accessible through the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-1965). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by November 10, 2015 to Darren J. McDonald, Office of Policy and Innovation, Executive Office of Health and Human

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Elizabeth H. Roberts, Secretary

Signed this 8th day of October 2015