Title of Rule: Self-Directed Care (formerly The Personal Choice Program)

Rule Identifier: 210-RICR-50-10-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:
Date of Public Notice: 07/26/2019
Hearing Date: 08/20/2019
End of Public Comment: 08/30/2019

Authority for this Rulemaking:
Chapters 40-6 and 40-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended; Title XIX of the Social Security Act

Summary of Rulemaking Action:
This regulation has been updated to include the Individual Provider model and Personal Choice under the new title of Self Directed. These rules are designed to regulate Self-Directed care, which allows participants to have the responsibility for managing their service delivery in a person-centered model. Selfdirection promotes personal choice and control over the delivery of waiver and state plan services, including who provides the services and how services are provided. Self-Directed services are intended to support community tenure and independence.

Additional Information and Comments:
All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until August 30, 2019 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:
A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on August 20, 2019 at 11:00 am at Arnold Conference Center, 111 Howard Ave, Cranston, RI 02920 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be
enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-462-1501 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**
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For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.