

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

**6/19/2020 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:

**Rescission of Coverage of COVID-19 Testing Group**

In response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) declaration of emergency, on March 26, 2020, EOHHS sought federal authority to provide COVID-19 testing services to a new eligibility group consisting of uninsured individuals with satisfactory citizenship/immigration status. EOHHS received approval of this authority on April 8, 2020 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). EOHHS is now removing this optional eligibility group from the Medicaid State Plan, because COVID-19 testing for this population is covered through other mechanisms, and in order to implement this in compliance with CMS' regulations, extensive operational steps would be necessary. EOHHS requested that the removal of this group from the Medicaid State Plan be effective April 1, 2020. This change will not cause a financial impact.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website ([www.eohhs.ri.gov](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov)) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-6348 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by July 19, 2020 to Melody Lawrence, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or [Melody.Lawrence@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:Melody.Lawrence@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, 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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**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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