

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Medicaid Integrated Health Care Coverage, SSI Financial Eligibility Determinations (210-RICR-40-00-3)

Rule Identifier: 210-RICR-40-00-3

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 02/27/2020

End of Public Comment: 03/28/2020

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:

All SSI recipients are automatically eligible for Medicaid. The State has agreed to determine the eligibility of persons who have an SSI characteristic – 65 and older, blind or disabled – but do not qualify for cash benefits using the SSI methodology and in a manner that is no more restrictive than the way it is applied for SSI. For the purposes of this chapter, the methodology applies to adults with an SSI characteristic – often called SSI lookalikes – who have income at or below the SSI eligibility standard of about 74.5 percent of the FPL as well as those in the State's optional coverage group for low-income elders and adults with disabilities and all populations that qualify for MN eligibility under the Medicaid State Plan. The SSI methodology also applies to persons seeking Medicaid LTSS as indicated in this section.B. The basic tenets of the SSI methodology are established in the rules for determining eligibility for SSI are set forth in the Social Security Administration's regulations at 20 C.F.R. § 416.101, et seq.

Numbers included describe benefits/eligibility

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until March 28, 2020 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by 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.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

This regulation is annually amended by EOHHS to include updated numbers provided by SSA.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.