

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

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: The Rhode Island Organ Transplant Fund

Rule Identifier: 218-RICR-20-00-15

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: July 22, 2026

End of Public Comment: August 21, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-11-13

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This proposed regulation is being adopted to establish policies and procedures in implementing the Rhode Island Transplant Fund per R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-11-13. It formalizes the eligibility and disbursement procedures to ensure assistance is provided within statutory limits and available resources.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until August 21, 2026 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 a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The Rhode Island Organ Transplant Fund (R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-11-13) addresses financial gaps for residents by covering non-reimbursed costs like immunosuppressive drugs and out-of-state lodging. Administered by the DHS, the Fund is a non-entitlement program prohibited from incurring deficits.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.