



Date of Notice: July 2, 2021

## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws (R.I. Gen. Law 42-35), as amended (specifically Section 42-35.2.11 of the Administrative Procedures Act) and pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 42-12-23 of the General Laws of Rhode Island as amended, the Department of Human Services (DHS) hereby proposes to adopt an amendment for the following program:

#### **RICR Title 218 – Rhode Island Department of Human Services Chapter 20 – Individual and Family Support Programs Part 1 – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**

The Department of Human Services (DHS) hereby proposes to file a Direct Final Rule to amend the following Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The DHS does not expect this proposed amendment to the rule to be controversial and does not anticipate any objections. This proposed amendment will implement the following, per Federal Regulations:

- 1.2.4 (B)(1) - Amended reference number
- 1.5.1 (H)(1)(b) - Amended reference number
- 1.5.3 (A)(8)(g)((7)) - Amended and revised paragraph by adding the word “ supervised” per Federal regulation
- 1.9 (A)(3) - Amended Federal statute reference
- 1.9 (A)(3)(a) - Amended language to align with Federal policy
- 1.11 (A)(2) - Amended and revised paragraph to align with Federal regulation
- 1.11 (A)(2)(b) - Added language to include when a household member is considered registered for work
- 1.11.1 (C)(1)(a) - Added the word “calendar”
- 1.11.2 (A) - Removed the word “mandatory” for work registrant
- 1.11.2 (A)(5) - Added the new work registrant requirement of case management compliance per Federal regulation
- 1.11.3- Added Federal provisions pertaining to the Employment and Training program
- 1.11.5 (C)(3) - Added additional good cause circumstance for work registrants
- 1.11.9 (C)(3) - Modified work program definition per Federal regulation
- 1.11.9 (C)(4) - Added veteran work program per Federal regulation
- 1.20 (A) - Amended section by renumbering section, adding pandemic flexibilities and removing the word “mandatory”
- 1.23 (A)(1) - Amended language to align with Federal policy

This proposed rule is accessible on the R.I. Secretary of State website (<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/218-20-00-1>), on the Department of Human Services website (<https://dhs.ri.gov/regulations/proposed-rules-and-regulations>) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2018 or RI Relay, dial 711). If no formal objection is received on or before August 1, 2021, the Department of Human Services will file the amendment without opportunity for public comment. All written objections should be sent to Karen Vartebedian, Office of Policy Analysis, Research & Development, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building Bldg. #57, 25 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920 or [karen.vartebedian@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:karen.vartebedian@dhs.ri.gov) and must be received not

later than 11:59 PM August 1, 2021.

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