



Date of Notice: June 17, 2021

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING**

In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) 42-35, as amended (specifically Section 42-35.2.11 of the Administrative Procedures Act) and pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 40-6-8 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 3 – General Public Assistance Program**

Effective June 17, 2021, the Department proposes the following changes:

Added new: 3.1.B - Type of assistance, GPA hardship

Removed existing: 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8

Removed language "because of disability" from 3.17.1 (C)(3), now in 3.2(A)(4)(c)

Updated: 3.18.4 Exemption of Automobiles to remove value, now 3.2.4(B)(2)

Updated: 3.18.17 Exemption of liquid assets to raise asset limit from \$400 to \$3500, now 3.2.4(B)(5)

Added: 3.3 Hardship

This proposed rule is accessible on the R.I. Secretary of State website (<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/promulgations/organization/218>) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2018 or RI Relay, dial 711).

A public hearing will be held to consider the proposed amendments on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 2:00pm online via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6335748764?pwd=Y2NYdXZFZmtkaE1Qb0VSOFNzWk0rdz09>

Meeting ID: 633 574 8764

Passcode: 245635

Dial in 1-646-558-8656.

Individuals with hearing impairments may request an interpreter's presence by calling 711 or Relay RI 1-800-745-6575 (Voice) and 1-800-745-555 (TDD). Requests for this service must be made at least seventy two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments by July 7, 2021 to Karen Vartebedian, Department of Human Services, Office of Policy Development, Louis Pasteur Building, Bldg. #57, 25 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, or email to karen.vartebedian@dhs.ri.gov.

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