



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

To: Interested Parties

From: DHS Office of Policy Development

Date: August 13, 2021

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance 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 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to implement the following, per Federal Regulations:

- 1.16 (E) Amended language per Federal regulation pertaining to the expungement of benefits after 9 months of inactivity.
- Added the immediate expungement of benefits upon the verification of all deceased household members.
- Notification will be provided to households prior to any expungements.

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 September 12, 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 and must be received not later than 11:59 PM September 12, 2021.

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