



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

To: Interested Parties
From: DHS Office of Policy Analysis, Research & Development
Date: July 6, 2022
Subject: Proposed Direct Final Amendment to the Refugee Assistance Program

RICR Title 218 – Rhode Island Department of Human Services Chapter 20 – Individual and Family Support Programs Part 6 – Refugee Assistance Program

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is filing the following proposed Direct Final Amendment to the Refugee Assistance Program to incorporate the expansion of the Refugee Cash Assistance eligibility period from 8 months to 12 months for participants whose date of eligibility for benefits is on or after October 1, 2021.

The Department does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore a hearing will not be held. If no formal objection is received on or before August 5, 2022, the Department will file this Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

This proposed rule is accessible on the R.I. Secretary of State website:

(<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/Regulations/Part/218-20-00-6>), on the Department of Human Services website (<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Regulations/Proposed.php>) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2146 or RI Relay, dial 711). All written objections should be sent to: Karen Vartebedian, Office of Policy Analysis, Research & Development, Department of Human Services, Hazard Bldg. 1st Fl., 74 West Road, Cranston, RI 02920 or karen.vartebedian@dhs.ri.gov and must be received not later than 11:59 PM Friday, August 5, 2022.

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