



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

To: Interested Parties
From: DHS Office of Policy Development
Date: October 12, 2022
**Subject: Proposed DHS Rule-Making for
218-RICR-20-00-2 Rhode Island Works Program Rules and Regulations**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department of Human Services is advertising the following proposed and amended Direct Final Rule. This rule is being amended in compliance with state and federal law and good practice.

**RICR Title 218 – Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Chapter 20 – Individual and Family Support Programs
Part 2 – Rhode Island Works Program rules and Regulations**

The proposed changes include those incorporated with the passage of the 2023 RI State Budget and are as follows:

- Include "rebate" to Earned Income Tax Credit or "Rebate",
- Extend Vocational Educational Training an additional twelve months if the participant successfully completes their first year of education at the Community College of Rhode Island,
- Extend RIW time limit from forty-eight months to sixty months,
- Increase RIW resource limit from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and allow self-attestation of resources less than \$3,000,
- Increase the RIW Earned Income Disregard from \$170 to \$300, and
- Clarified the applicant's ability to choose telephonic application and signature.

Additional changes include the removal of COVID language, removal of duplicative language, and the reformatting of sections to accommodate for deletions and additions.

The Department does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held. If no formal objection is received on or before November 11, 2022, the Department of Human Services will file this Amendment and the Direct Final Rule will take effect on this date.

This proposed rule is accessible through the RI Secretary of State's website (<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/organizations/title/218>), on the DHS website (<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/>) or available in hard copy upon request (401) 462-6159 or RI Relay, dial 711.

Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments by 11:59 pm on Thursday, November 11, 2022, to Mary Beth Slinko, Office of Policy Analysis, Research & Development, Department of Human Services, Hazard Building, 74 West Road, Cranston, RI 02920, or by email to DHS.PolicyFeedBack@dhs.ri.gov .

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