

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

In accordance with the R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35, as amended, as amended, the Department of Human Services (DHS) hereby proposes to amend the following DHS rules:

**RICR Title 218 – Rhode Island Department of Human Services  
Chapter 20 – Individual and Family Support Programs  
Part 4 – Child Care Assistance Program Rules and Regulations**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department is proposing rule-making to amend the Child Care Assistance Program Rules and Regulations. Effective December 14, 2022 the Department proposes the following changes:

The proposed amendments are as follows:

- § 4.2 (16) Added “families where the parent(s) are in enrolled in an Associate’s degree or Bachelor’s degree program at a Rhode Island public institution of higher education”
- § 4.2 (19) Added definition of “college credit hours” and renumbered the section accordingly
- § 4.2 (20)(z) Added language regarding Veteran’s Disability Pension payments
- § 4.3 (A)(3) Removed “Beginning October 1, 2021”, added “As of July 1, 2022” and added “in an Associate’s degree or Bachelor’s degree program”
- § 4.6.2(A)(4)(a) Removed “Beginning October 1, 2021” and added “Associate’s degree or Bachelor’s degree program”
- § 4.6.2(A)(4)(b) Reformatted section
- § 4.6.2(A)(4)(b)((2)) Added language allowing for a combination of CCAP for College and employment
- § 4.6.2(A)(4)(c) Reformatted section and added language regarding the acceptable need for CCAP for College on a two parent home
- § 4.6.2(A)(4)(d) Added language allowing for a combination of CCAP for College and employment
- § 4.7.1(A) Added “at recertification”
- § 4.8.2(A)(7), § 4.12.7(C), § 4.12.7(F) Changed “five (5 days)” to “two (2) consecutive weeks” and removed “per month”

In the development of these rules, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches; and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

These proposed rules are accessible on the DHS website ( <http://www.dhs.ri.gov> ), the RI Secretary of State website (<http://sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/>), and available in hard copy upon request (401-462-3015 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments no later than 11:59pm on January 13, 2023 to Tara Borges, Office of Policy Development, Department of Human Services, Hazard Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 74 West Road, Cranston, RI 02920 or [tara.borges@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:tara.borges@dhs.ri.gov).

In Accordance with RIGL 42-35-3, a public hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A

request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice (December 14, 2022 and January 13, 2023).

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