



## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** DHS Office of Policy Analysis, Research & Development  
**Date:** January 10, 2023  
**Subject:** Proposed Direct Final Amendment to the Supplemental Security Income and State Supplemental Payment Rules and Regulations

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**RICR Title 218 – Rhode Island Department of Human Services  
Chapter 20 – Individual and Family Support Programs  
Part 5 – Supplemental Security Income and State Supplemental  
Payment Rules and Regulations**

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is filing the following proposed Direct Final Amendment to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program:

This rule is being amended to reflect the Federal Social Security Administration's Cost of Living increase beginning January 1, 2023. Failure to implement these rates may result in financial penalties to the agency as well as the wrongful determination of benefits for RI program applicants/recipients.

In addition, hyperlinks and outdated citations references were removed.

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 February 10, 2023, 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/218-20-00-5>), 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Fl., 41 West Road, Cranston, RI 02920 or [dhs.policyfeedback@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:dhs.policyfeedback@dhs.ri.gov) and must be received on or before February 10, 2023.

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