



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

To: Interested Parties
From: DHS Office of Policy Analysis, Research and Development
Date: July 27, 2023
Subject: Proposed DHS Rule-Making for 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 DHS rule. This rule is being amended in compliance with State and Federal law and good practice. The proposed rule is as follows:

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

This proposed amendment is being filed to implement changes to the Rhode Island Works Program to expand the eligibility for pregnant applicants. This Direct Final Amendment is being filed to implement the Legislative changes that were signed by the Governor with the 2024 Rhode Island State Budget. Effective July 1st, 2023, pregnant applicants will be reviewed for eligibility for the Rhode Island works Program from the time they submit verification of the pregnancy. Changes have been made to the following sections:

- 2.2 A. 16., 25., 26., 2.5.8 A. 2., 2.11.2 E. 1., 2.12.1 C. 2., and 2.18.3 A. 4.

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held. In accordance with RIGL 42-35-3, an oral 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, August 26, 2023.

This proposed rule is accessible on the R.I. Secretary of State website (<http://sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/>), on the Department website, www.dhs.ri.gov or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-6159 RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments by Saturday, August 26th, 2023 to Mary Beth Slinko, Office of Policy Analysis, Research and Development, Department of Human Services, Hazard Building, 41 West Road, Cranston, RI 02920, or email to DHS.PolicyFeedBack@dhs.ri.gov or Mary.Slinko@dhs.ri.gov.

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