



## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** DHS Office of Policy Analysis, Research & Development  
**Date:** September 24, 2024  
**Subject:** Proposed Direct Final Amendment to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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### **RICR Title 218 – Rhode Island Department of Human Services Chapter 20 – Individual and Family Support Programs Part 1 – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**

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

This regulation is being amended to comply with and implement Federally mandated increases to Amendment which increases the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) to \$822.00 to align with the cost of living based on the Consumer Price Index.

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 October 24, 2024 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/Promulgations/Part/218-20-00-1>), 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, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy Analysis, Research & Development, Department of Human Services, Hazard Bldg. #74, 41 West Road 1<sup>st</sup> Fl, Cranston, RI 02920, [dhs.policyfeedback@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:dhs.policyfeedback@dhs.ri.gov), or by fax at 401-462-6165, and must be received no later than 11:59 PM October 24, 2024.

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