

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Title of Rule: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (218-RICR-20-00-1)

Rule Identifier: 218-RICR-20-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: May 7, 2025

End of Public Comment: June 6, 2025

Rulemaking Authority:

RIGL 40-6-8

R.I. Gen. Laws § § 42-35-2.10

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The Department of Human Services is promulgating the following amendments for Direct Final rulemaking:

- Revised language to ensure alignment with federal regulations regarding ABAWD exemptions and work requirements, as codified by FNS in December 2024.
- Increased response timeframe from 10 days to 15 days for households to provide and submit required verification for SNAP to streamline processes and reduce churn;
- Amended language under 1.4.13 Student Eligibility Requirements to align with FNS regulation;
- Updated the homeless definition and temporary accommodations under 1.4.9 Homeless SNAP Households;
- Expanded language and time frames to align with codified FNS regulations for the ABAWD exemptions at 1.11.9.
- Amended language under 1.11.1 Work Requirements to include agency's responsibilities regarding exemptions and exceptions;
- Technical changes are included within this amendment; and
- Update to citations.

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before June 6, 2025, the Department of Human Services will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

By implementing these adjustments, DHS ensures a balance between regulatory compliance and the provision of accessible, efficient services to Rhode Island households.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staff person listed above.