



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

To: Interested Parties

From: DHS Office of Policy Development

Date: May 30, 2025

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Child Care Assistance Program Rules and Regulations

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department of Human Services is advertising the following proposed and amended DHS rules. This rule is being amended in compliance with state and federal law and good practice.

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

The proposed amendments are as follows:

- Removed the limit of Associate's Degree and Bachelor's Degree from CCAP for College language throughout regulation.
- Changed all references of twelve (12) month certification period to twenty-four (24) months throughout regulation
- Changed age of infant from one (1) week to six (6) weeks throughout regulation
- Renumbered sections as needed
- Technical revisions as needed
- § 4.1.2(B)(1), §4.2(A)(18), §4.3.1(A)(1)(a)(2)-Added "but under age fourteen (14)"
- § 4.2(A)- Removed definitions of "Non temporary change in status" and "temporary change in status"
- § 4.2(A)(16)-Added definition of "cyber security event"
- § 4.2(A)(49)- Added "at recertification"
- § 4.3.1(A)(1)(a)(2)- Added "the age of fourteen (14) or until recertification"
- § 4.4.3(B)(2)-removed language regarding temporary cessation of work, training, education
- §4.5.2(A)(1)-Updated language
 - Removed language regarding RIW full family sanction
- § 4.6.1-Updated language regarding treatment of assets
- § 4.6.1(C)(4)(a)-Updated language regarding Approval Notice
- § 4.6.2 (A)(4)-Added "public" to Rhode Island Institute of Higher Education
- § 4.6.4- Removed language regarding "temporary change of status" and "non-temporary change of status"
- § 4.6.4(A)(2)- Added "or recertification"
- § 4.6.4(A)(2)(d)-Changed half time to three quarter time
- § 4.7.2(A)(4)-Updated citation
- § 4.7.2(A)(6)(c)-Added "cyber security events"
- § 4.11.5(F)-Updated citation
- § 4.8.1(E)(2)(a)-Updated citation
- § 4.11.2(2)(b)-Removed language regarding establishing DHS authorized payment rate
- § 4.11.3(A)(1)-Changed "Approved Provider Introductory Training" to "CCAP Orientation"
- § 4.11.5(A)-Added "pays providers based on enrollment and"
- § 4.11.5(C)(3)- Added "cyber security events"
- § 4.11.5(E)-Changed "CPD" to "CCAP approved"
- § 4.11.5(F)-Updated citation
- § 4.11.6(C)-Changed sixty (60) days to ninety (90) days

- § 4.11.6(D)(2)-Updated language
- § 4.11.8(F)-Removed language regarding QRIS
- § 4.11.9(B)-Added “participation”
 - Removed language regarding QRIS

These proposed rule is accessible on the Rhode Island Secretary of State website (<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/Part/218-20-00-4>), on the Department of Human Services website (<https://dhs.ri.gov/regulations/proposed-rules-regulations-hearings>) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-3015 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments by June 29, 2025 to Tara Borges, Office of Policy Analysis, Research and Development, Department of Human Services, Hazard Building #74, 41 West Road, 1st floor, Cranston, RI 02920, or email to DHS.PolicyFeedBack@dhs.ri.gov.

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