



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

To: Interested Parties

From: DHS Office of Policy Development

Date: September 22, 2025

Subject: Child Care Assistance Program for Child Care
Educators and Child Care Staff Rules and Regulations

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department of Human Services is advertising the following proposed DHS rules. This rule is being proposed 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 13 – Child Care Assistance Program for Child Care
Educators and Child Care Staff Rules and Regulations

The proposed amendments are as follows:

§ 13.2(A)(3) Removed “an associate’s degree of bachelor’s degree”

§ 13.2(A)(9) Added definition of “excluded income”

§ 13.2(A)(14) Updated definition of “income”

§ 13.2(A)(17) Added definition of “Rhode Island public institution of higher education”

§ 13.2(A)(18) Updated definition of “two-parent home”

§ 13.3(A) Added language regarding eligibility

§ 13.3(A)(2)(a) Added language clarifying child care programs must be licensed by the state of Rhode Island

§ 13.3(A)(2)(c) Updated requirements for two parent families

§ 13.3(A)(2)(d) Updated language regarding self employment as a child care provider

§ 13.3(A)(2)(f) Added language regarding the requirement of cooperation with OCSS

§ 13.4.1(A) Added language regarding requirement of applying to the CCAP program within the previous 60 days prior to applying to the Pilot

§ 13.4.1(A)(1)(a) Updated link

§ 13.4.2(B)(2) Added language regarding the requirement of providing documentation that the family had been denied CCAP or approved with a family share.

§ 13.4.3 (D) Added language regarding 12 month interim

§ 13.5.1 (A) changed twelve (12) months to (24) months

These proposed rules are accessible on the DHS website (<http://www.dhs.ri.gov>), the RI Secretary of State website (<http://sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/>), and available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2018 or RI Relay, dial 711). **A public hearing will be held to consider the proposed regulation on Monday, October 6, 2025 from 4:30pm-5:30pm at the Louis Pasteur Building, 25 Howard Avenue, Bldg. 57, Cranston, RI 02920, in the West Wing Conference Room.** Persons wishing to testify may do so by signing up at the hearing or by submitting written testimony no later than 11:59pm on October 22, 2025 to Tara Borges, Office of Policy Development, Department of Human Services, Hazard Building, 41 West Road, Bldg. 74, Cranston, RI 02920 or DHS.PolicyFeedBack@dhs.ri.gov.

The seating capacity of the West Wing Conference Room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

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