

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**Title of Rule:** Rules, Regulations and Standards Governing the Home and Community Care Services to the Elderly Program (218-RICR-40-00-4)

**Rule Identifier:** 218-RICR-40-00-4

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: December 8, 2021

End of Public Comment: January 7, 2022

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws section 42-66.3-1 et seq. "Home and Community Care Services to the Elderly"

as amended

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

This Rule change is due to a State of Rhode Island Fiscal Year 2022 Budget initiative which increased the eligibility for the program from 200 % to 250 % of the Federal Poverty Level. This Amendment also expands program eligibility to the 19-64 year old population who have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until January 7, 2022 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

Changes made to this Rule will allow recipients expanded access to specific supports and services.

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