



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

To: Interested Parties
From: DHS Office of Policy Analysis, Research & Development
Date: August 23, 2024
Subject: Proposed Direct Final Amendment to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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 rule is being amended to comply and implement the following federal mandated increases to the Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) for recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program. In addition, an amendment has been made which adds the new qualified non-citizen category to COFA applicants under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 (CAA), Pub. Law 118-42, signed by the President on March 9, 2024. Lastly, language has also been amended at §1.21 Replacement of Food Caused by Disaster or Household Misfortune to include verbal notification of a loss of food destroyed in a disaster per FNS regulation.

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 September 22, 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 1st Fl, Cranston, RI 02920, dhs.policyfeedback@dhs.ri.gov, or by fax at 401-462-6165, and must be received no later than 11:59 PM September 22, 2024.

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