



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

To: Interested Parties

From: Office of Rehabilitation Services

Date: March 28, 2023

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired/Social Services/Independent Living Program Rules and Regulations

**RICR Title 218 – Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Chapter 50 – Rehabilitation Services
Part 2 – Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired/Social
Services/Independent Living Program Rules and Regulations**

The Department of Human Services (DHS)/Office of Rehabilitation Services hereby proposes to file a Proposed Amendment to the Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired/Social Services/Independent Living Program Rules and Regulations to implement the following change:

This rule is being refiled by the agency pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-4.1. This change is a housekeeping item that does not include any costs to the state or generates any additional benefits. Not changing eligibility, types of services, etc or benefits: housekeeping and harmonizing.

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 or before April 27, 2023, 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/218-50-00-2>), on the Department of Human Services/Office of Rehabilitation Services website (<https://ors.ri.gov/regulations/proposed-rules-and-regulations>) or available in hard copy upon request (401-871-0250 or RI Relay, dial 711). All written objections should be sent to Laurie Diorio, Office of Rehabilitation Services, Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 40 Fountain iStreet, Providence, RI 02903, and must be received no later than 11:59 PM on March 16, 2023.

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