

REGULATORY AGENDA – January 15, 2015

Agency Name and Address:

Rhode Island Department of Human Services
57 Howard Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

PART I - Rules Promulgated *June 16, 2014 through January 15, 2015:*

Please indicate if your agency did not promulgate rules during this period, OR complete all sections of the following for each rule promulgated (add or delete rows accordingly).

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE PROPOSED RULES, EMERGENCY RULES OR TECHNICAL REVISIONS.

ERLID	Type Filing	Title	Effective Date
7655	Adoption	Rules and Regulations Governing the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program	07/07/2014
7755	Amendment	Child Care Assistance Program Section 0850 Starting Right Child Care Program	07/09/2014
7667	Amendment	Rhode Island Works Program Rules and Regulations, Section 1400 through 1436	08/18/2014
7928	Amendment	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and State Supplemental Payment (SSP) Program	12/15/2014
7912	Amendment	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Sections 1000 through 1083	12/15/2014

PART II - Expected Rule-making Activity *January 16, 2015 through June 15, 2015:*

Please indicate if your agency does not anticipate rule-making activity during this period, OR complete all sections of the following for each rule anticipated (add or delete rows accordingly).

“TYPES OF FILINGS” ARE EITHER ADOPTION (BRAND NEW), AMENDMENT (REPLACING AN EXISTENT RULE/REGULATION), OR REPEAL.

Type Filing	Title/Subject Area	Objective	Legal Basis	Anticipated Schedule	Agency Contact (Name <u>and</u> Telephone number)	Interested Parties
Amendment	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and State Supplemental Payment (SSP) Program	To update the rule to reflect the federal SSI cost of living adjustment	RIGL 40-8; Title XVI of the Social Security Act	Changes are effective January 1, 2015 under emergency-rule making provisions; final	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, advocacy groups and other State agencies

				rules under APA to be filed March 2015		
Amendment	Rhode Island Veteran's Home- Administrative Procedures for the Billing and Collection of Maintenance Fees	To update the cost-of-living scale and per diem cost of maintenance for residents of the RI Veteran's Home due to the annual change in the Consumer Price Index.	RIGL 30-24.10	Changes are effective January 1, 2015 under emergency-rule making provisions; final rules under APA to be filed March 2015	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, advocacy groups and other State agencies
Amendment	Child Care Assistance Program Section 0850 Starting Right Child Care Program	To update the rule to reflect updated requirements of the federal CCDBG Reauthorization Act of 2014	RIGL 40-6	Changes are effective in January 2015 under emergency-rule making provisions; final rules under APA to be filed March 2015	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, child care providers, advocacy groups and other State agencies

Amendment	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Sections 1000 through 1083	To amend the rule to state that when a case is closed due to failure to comply with interim reporting requirements and the household later complies, benefits will no longer be reinstated and prorated without requiring a new a new application. The rule will also be amended to state that in order to qualify for the Standard Utility Allowance due to receipt of a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program benefit, households must have received such a benefit in the current month of application or in the immediately preceding twelve months.	RIGL 40-6-8	March 2015	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, advocacy groups and other State agencies
Amendment	Rules, Regulations and Standards Governing the Home and Community Care Services to the Elderly Program	To update the Poverty Level and Cost Share Rates, incorporate comments received during open public comment period and revise appropriately, and update to reflect program changes under 1115 Waiver.	RIGL 42-66.3	March 2015	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, advocacy groups and other State agencies
Amendment	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Sections 1000 through 1083	To update excluded and countable income types	RIGL 40-6-8	April 2015	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, advocacy groups and other State agencies

Amendment	Rhode Island Works Program Rules and Regulations, Section 1400 through 1436	To update excluded and countable income types	RIGL 40-6	April 2015	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, advocacy groups and other State agencies
Amendment	Child Care Assistance Program Section 0850 Starting Right Child Care Program	To update excluded and countable income types	RIGL 40-6	April 2015	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, advocacy groups and other State agencies
Amendment	Child Care Assistance Program Section 0850 Starting Right Child Care Program	To update the Child Care rules to reflect the 2015 changes in the Federal Poverty Level guidelines.	RIGL 40-6	April 2015	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, advocacy groups and other State agencies
Amendment	Office of Rehabilitation Services Policy and Procedures Manual	To increase the income standard used to calculate aid for training through the Office of Rehabilitation Services, in keeping with the US Department of Health & Human Services Poverty Income Guidelines for 2015.	R.I.G.L. 41-12-8	April 2015	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, advocacy groups and other State agencies
Amendment	General Provisions	Update Section to reflect DHS overview and appeals process and implementation of ACA and transition to full Integrated Eligibility System.	RIGL 42-35, 40-6.2	June 2015	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, advocacy groups and other State agencies
Amendment	Refugee Assistance Program	Update rules according to correct process, procedure and Federal and State regulations	Section 412(a)(9) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1522 (a)(9)	June 2015	Bethany Caputo (401) 462-6159	Families, advocacy groups and other State agencies