

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

To: Interested Parties

From: DHS Office of Policy Development

Date: June 15, 2016

Subject: Proposed DHS Rule-Making for Starting Right Child Care Assistance Program

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department of Human Services is advertising the following proposed and amended DHS rules. This rule is being amended in compliance with state and federal law and good practice. The proposed rule is as follows:

**Starting Right
Child Care Assistance Program
Section 0850**

The rule is being amended as follows:

Non-technical amendments are: the removal of the sunset date of January 1, 2015 for the Back to Work Pilot Program; the renaming the Back to Work Pilot Program to Child Care for Training; the increase to the Child Care provider rates reimbursement amounts; the renaming of Addendum 3 from CCAP Approved Provider Reimbursement Rates to CCAP Maximum Weekly Reimbursement rates. The Addendum reflects the increased reimbursement amounts; the Application of the 2016 Federal Poverty Levels to the CCAP Eligibility and Cost-Sharing levels by Gross Income Adjusted for Family Size.

One technical revision has been added in order to provide clarification of the rule regarding two parent families receiving low income child care: the amendment clarifies that the minimum of 20 hours of work cannot be combined between two parents in a two-parent household.

These proposed revisions were filed under emergency rule-making guidelines effective March of 2016.

This proposed rule is accessible on the R.I. Secretary of State website (<http://sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/>), on the Department website, www.dhs.ri.gov or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2018 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments between Tuesday, June 14, 2016 and Thursday, July 14, 2016 to Christina Clement, Office of Policy Development, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, Bldg. 57, Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, or email to christina.clement@dhs.ri.gov.

In Accordance with RIGL 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice Wednesday, June 15, 2016 and Friday, July 15, 2016.