



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS

Notice of Public Hearing and Public Review of Rules

The Director of the Department of Elderly Affairs has under consideration proposed amendments to ***Rules, Regulations and Standards Governing the Home and Community Care Services to the Elderly Program*** (“Regulations”). The purpose of the proposed amendments to these Regulations is to: amend client eligibility requirements such that they are tied to the federal poverty limits (rather than the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Elderly Program (RIPAE) guidelines); to publicize income eligibility and personal needs allowance guidelines rather than cite them specifically in the Regulations; and to bring the Regulations into conformity with statutory provisions.

In the development of these proposed amendments to the Regulations, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches; and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, that the Director will hold a Public Hearing on the above mentioned matter, in the **ARNOLD CONFERENCE CENTER** at the John O. Pastore Complex in Cranston, Rhode Island **ON TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2009 AT 1:00 P.M.** at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard.

For the sake of accuracy, it is requested that statements to be made relative to any aspect of the Regulations, including alternative approaches or overlap, be submitted in writing at the time of the hearing or mailed prior to the hearing date to: Jane E. Morgan, Esq. Associate Director, Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs, Hazard Building, 74 West Road, Cranston, Rhode Island, 02920 or via email: jmorgan@dea.state.ri.us .

Interested persons may inspect said proposed amendments to the Regulations and other related materials on the Department of Elderly Affairs’ website at www.dea.ri.gov; at the Department of Elderly Affairs, Hazard Building, 74 West Road, Cranston, Rhode Island, 02920 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; by calling (401) 462- 3000 {via RI Relay 711, or 462-0560 for Spanish}; or by emailing jmorgan@dea.state.ri.us. Proposed regulations are also posted on the Rhode Island Secretary of State’s website: www.sec.state.ri.us/rules.

The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs and the Arnold Conference Center are accessible to persons with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers /interpreters /captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please notify the Department at (401) 462-0524 (hearing/speech impaired, dial 711) at least three (3) business days prior to the Public Hearing so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Signed this 9th day of March 2009

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Corinne Calise Russo".

Corinne Calise Russo, Director
Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs