

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**PUBLIC HEARING IN RE:  
PROPOSED CATEGORY III CHANGE TO  
RHODE ISLAND'S COMPREHENSIVE  
1115 WAIVER DEMONSTRATION**

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**R.I. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
3 CAPITOL HILL  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02908**

**MAY 16, 2016  
2:30 P.M.**

**BEFORE: MELODY LAWRENCE, HEARING OFFICER  
M.E. HALL COURT REPORTING  
108 WALNUT STREET  
WARWICK, RI 02888  
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**(COMMENCED AT 2:32 P.M.)**

**HEARING OFFICER LAWRENCE:**

**Welcome. We are here today regarding a public hearing concerning the Rhode Island submission**

**of a proposed Category III change to Rhode**

**Island's Comprehensive 1115 Waiver**

**Demonstration Project to the the Centers for**

**Medicare and Medicaid Services, related to a**

**new designated State health program that will**

**use the cost not otherwise matchable authority**

**to receive federal matching funds for services**

**currently provided by various State agencies.**

**This hearing is being conducted**

**under the provisions of Chapters 40-6, 40-8,**

**42-7.2, 42-35, and 42-46 of the Rhode Island**

**General Laws, as amended.**

**Today is Monday, May 16, 2016.**

**My name is Melody Lawrence, and I will be the**

**Hearing Officer for today's proceeding. Before we start, so as not to interrupt the proceedings, I would like to ask those of you with cell phones, pagers and watch alarms to turn them off at this time.**

**The purpose of the hearing today is to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed Category III change to Rhode Island's Comprehensive 1115 Waiver Demonstration Project. This hearing is intended for your participation only and is not intended as a means of providing a forum for discussing, debating, arguing or otherwise having any dialogue on the record with Members of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.**

**If you care to speak, the procedure we will use is as follows:**

**One, register at the side of the room.**

**Two, speakers will be taken in order of registration.**

**Three, five minutes will be allowed for your presentation, unless the lack of speakers allows for additional time.**

**Four, when called, A, come to**

**the podium, slash, front of the room.**

**B, identify yourself by name and affiliation, if any.**

**C, make your presentation.**

**D, if you have a written copy of your statement, we would appreciate having that for the record. After the time has elapsed for submission of written commentary, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services has three options under State law.**

**First option, file as is with the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.**

**Second option, file with minor changes.**

**Third option, make major changes in what you see before you today, which would necessitate a new public hearing. Are there any questions on how the public hearing will be conducted today?**

**(PAUSE)**

**HEARING OFFICER LAWRENCE: At this time, for the record, we will have a presentation of exhibits. Notice of Public Hearing for the Rhode Island Medicaid Health System Transformation Project signed by**

**Elizabeth H. Roberts, Secretary of the  
Executive Office of Health and Human Services  
on April 8, 2016. Marked Exhibit 1.**

**(EXHIBIT 1, NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING, MARKED)**

**HEARING OFFICER LAWRENCE: Two,  
a confirmation of the electronic filing of the  
Hearing Notice and related materials on the  
Rhode Island EOHHS web site on April 8, 2016.**

**In accordance with the requirements of the  
Administrative Procedures Act, the 30-day  
notice requirement has been met. Marked  
Exhibit 2.**

**(EXHIBIT 2, ELECTRONIC FILING OF  
HEARING NOTICE ON EOHHS WEB SITE, MARKED)**

**HEARING OFFICER LAWRENCE:**

**Three, a confirmation for the electronic filing  
of the Hearing Notice on the Rhode Island  
Secretary of State's web site on April 12,  
2016. In accordance with the requirement of  
the Open Meetings Act, the 48-hour notice has  
been met. Marked Exhibit 3.**

**(EXHIBIT 3, ELECTRONIC FILING OF  
HEARING NOTICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEB  
SITE, MARKED)**

**HEARING OFFICER LAWRENCE: Four,**

**a copy of an e-mail to the EOHHS interested parties list of April 11, 2016, providing a 30-day notice of the public hearing. Marked Exhibit 4.**

**(EXHIBIT 4, INTERESTED PARTIES LIST E-MAIL, MARKED)**

**HEARING OFFICER LAWRENCE: Five, a copy of Chapters 40-6, 40-8, and 42-7.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended. Marked Exhibit 5A and Exhibit 5B and Exhibit 5C.**

**(EXHIBIT 5A, B, AND C, CHAPTERS 40-6, 40-8 AND 42-7.2 OF THE RIGL, MARKED)**

**HEARING OFFICER LAWRENCE: Six, a copy of the proposed Public Notice of Proposed Category III Change to Rhode Island Comprehensive 1115 Waiver Demonstration dated March 28, 2016. Marked Exhibit 6.**

**(EXHIBIT 6, PUBLIC NOTICE OF CATEGORY III CHANGES, MARKED)**

**HEARING OFFICER LAWRENCE: At this time, I would like to call the first speaker.**

**(PAUSE)**

**HEARING OFFICER LAWRENCE: Are there any other persons here present who would**

**like to make a statement concerning the proposed Category III change to Rhode Island's Comprehensive 1115 Waiver Demonstration Project?**

**(PAUSE)**

**HEARING OFFICER LAWRENCE: Then, as I mentioned before, the submission of any written commentary on the proposed Category III changes will be accepted until the close of business on Monday, May 16, 2016. Thank you for your attendance, and this hearing is now closed.**

**(HEARING CLOSED AT 2:38 P.M.)**

**C E R T I F I C A T E**

**I, Mary Ellen Hall, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete transcript of my notes taken at the above-entitled public hearing.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of May, 2016.**

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**MARY ELLEN HALL, NOTARY PUBLIC/  
CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER**

**DATE: May 16, 2016**

**IN RE: PROPOSED CATEGORY III CHANGE TO R.I.**

**COMPREHENSIVE 1115 WAIVER DEMONSTRATION**

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