

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

PROCEEDING AT HEARING

IN RE:

Public hearing - Proposed

Category III change to

Rhode Island's Comprehensive 1115

Waiver Demonstration

BEFORE:

DATE:

TIME:

PLACE:

May 2, 2016

2:30 P.M.

DHHS

Arnold Center

111 Howard Avenue

Cranston, RI

MELODY LAWRENCE, HEARING OFFICER

M.E. HALL COURT REPORTING

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DESCRIPTION

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 March 31, 2016 .

Confirmation for the electronic filing of the hearing notice and related materials on the Rhode Island EOHHS web site on April 1, 2016 ..

Confirmation for the electronic filing of the hearing notice on the Rhode Island Secretary of State's web site on April 12, 2016

Copy of e-mail to EOHHS interested parties list on April 2, 2016, providing a 30-day notice of the public hearing

A copy of Chapters 40-6, 40-8, and 42-7.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended . . .

A copy of the proposed public notice of proposed Category III change to Rhode Island's Comprehensive 1115 Waiver Demonstration dated

March 28, 2016

(COMMENCED AT 2:29P.M.)

**MS. LAWRENCE: All right. Welcome. We
3 are here today regarding a public hearing
4 concerning Rhode Island's submission of a proposed
5 Category III change to Rhode Island's Comprehensive
6 1115 Waiver Demonstration Project to the Centers of
7 Medicaid and Medicare services related to a new
8 designated state health program that will use the
9 "costs not otherwise matchable" (CNOM) authority to
10 receive Federal matching funds for services
11 currently provided by various state agencies.**

**This hearing is being conducting under the
provisions of Chapters 40-6, 40-8, 42-7.2, 42-35,
14 and 42-46 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as
15 amended.**

**16 Today is Monday, May 2, 2016. My name IS
17 Melody Lawrence, and I will be the hearing officer
18 for today's proceeding. Before we start and so as
19 not to interrupt the proceedings, I would like to
20 ask those of you with cell phones, pagers, and
21 watch alarms to turn them off at this time.**

**22 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 for providing a forum for discussing, debating, arguing, or otherwise having any dialogue on the record with members of the Executive Office of Health & 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 you are called, A, come to the podium; 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 & Human Services has three options under state law. First option is to file as IS with the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The second option IS to file with minor changes such as spelling or punctuation. The third option, make major changes in what you see before you

**3 today, which would necessitate a new public
4 hearing.**

**5 Are there any questions on how the public
6 hearing will be conducted today? At this time, for
7 the record, we will have a presentation of the
8 exhibits.**

**9 Number 1, Notice of Public Hearing for the
10 Rhode Island Medicaid Health System Transformation
11 Project signed by Elizabeth H. Roberts, Secretary
12 of the Executive Office of Health and Human
13 Services on March 31, 2016.**

14 (EXHIBIT 1 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

**15 MS. LAWRENCE: Two, a confirmation for the
16 electronic filing of the hearing notice and related
17 materials on the Rhode Island EOHHS web site on
18 April 1, 2016. In accordance with the requirements
19 of the Administrative Procedures Act, the 30-day
20 notice requirement has been met.**

21 (EXHIBIT 2 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

**MS. LAWRENCE: Three, a confirmation for
the electronic filing of the hearing notice on the
24 Rhode Island Secretary of State's web site on
1 April 12, 2016. In accordance with the
2 requirements of the Open Meetings Act, the 48-hour
3 notice requirement has been met.**

4 (EXHIBIT 3 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

5 MS. LAWRENCE: Four, a copy of an e-mail
6 to EOHHS interested parties list on April 1, 2016,
7 providing a 30-day notice of the public hearing.

8 (EXHIBIT 4 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

9 MS. LAWRENCE: Five, a copy of Chapters
10 40-6, 40-8, and 42-7.2 of the Rhode Island General
11 Laws, as amended.

12 (EXHIBIT 5 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

13 MS. LAWRENCE: Six, a copy of the proposed
14 public notice of proposed Category III change to
15 Rhode Island's Comprehensive 1115 Waiver
16 Demonstration dated March 28, 2016.

17 (EXHIBIT 6 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

18 MS. LAWRENCE: At this time, I would like
19 to call the first speaker.

20 (NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC APPEARED)

MS. LAWRENCE: Are there are other persons
here present that would like to make a statement
concerning the proposed Category III change to
24 Rhode Island's Comprehensive 1115 Waiver
1 Demonstration Project?

2 Then, as I mentioned before, the
3 submission of any written commentary on the
4 proposed Category III changes will be accepted
5 until the close of business on Monday, May 16,
6 2016.

7 Thank you for your attendance. And this

8 hearing it now closed.

9 (HEARING CLOSED AT 2:36P.M.)

1 C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E

I, RONALD M. RONZIO, Notary Public, do

3 hereby certify that ~ reported in shorthand the

foregoing proceedings, and that the foregoing

4 transcript contains a true, accurate, and complete

record of the proceedings at the above-entitled

5 hearing.

6 . IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my

hand and seal this 6th day of May, 2016.

RONALD M. RONZIO, NotARY PUBLIC/CERTIFIED COURT

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: July 24, 2017

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