

OHIC NEWS

The Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner

SOCIAL AND HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS REVIEW

WHAT IS THE SOCIAL AND HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS REVIEW?

This summer OHIC was given the responsibility of reviewing all social and human service programs that have a contract with or are licensed by the state. This review's scope is inclusive of the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services and each of the state agencies under its purview, including: the Department of Behavioral Health Care, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, the Department of Health, and the Department of Human Services. Additionally, the review includes the array of services on the Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) fee schedule.



For more information about OHIC's Social and Human Service Programs Review, visit our website: <https://ohic.ri.gov/regulatory-review/social-and-human-service-programs-review>

WHAT TYPE OF SERVICES WILL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THIS REVIEW?

The review includes the array of services financed by the state both through Medicaid and through other funding sources in the following subject areas:

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| ► Social | ► Habilitative | ► Juvenile Justice |
| ► Mental Health | ► Rehabilitative | ► Prevention Services |
| ► Developmental Disability | ► Substance Use Disorder Treatment | ► Employment and Training |
| ► Child Welfare | ► Residential Care | ► Aging |
| ► Vocational | ► Adult or Adolescent Day Services | |

WILL THERE BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT?

To ensure the scope of this review is carried out to the highest standards of credibility, integrity, and transparency, OHIC convened a public body, known as the Social and Human Service Programs Review Advisory Council, to act in an advisory capacity for the office. Advisory council members were chosen by the commissioner and consist of those with the requisite expertise related to social and human service programs. Council meetings are open to the public and will allow time for providers and recipients to ask questions and provide comment.

WHAT DELIVERABLES WILL BE PRODUCED DURING THE REVIEW?

The office is required to create and submit analyses, reports, and studies on several important aspects of these programs including their rates, utilization, eligibility standards, and accountability standards. The set of deliverables will be published on January 1, 2023 and following this there will be two more sets of deliverables published next year on April 1, 2023, and September 1, 2023. For more information on these deliverables, [view our website here](#).

Through these sets of deliverables, OHIC will cover:

- ▶ Current rates being paid and the date of the last time these rates were increased
- ▶ Utilization trends
- ▶ Eligibility standards and processes
- ▶ Accountability standards
- ▶ Current access levels
- ▶ Current structure of the state government as it relates to the provision of services
- ▶ National and regional Medicaid rates in comparison to Rhode Island rates
- ▶ Professional personnel requirements for established rates
- ▶ Usual and customary rates paid in the private market for similar programs

WHAT RATES ARE NOT IN THE SCOPE OF THIS REVIEW?

Rates that are determined through statutorily mandated methodologies, such as Medicaid hospital rates and Medicaid nursing facility rates, are not within the scope of this review. Additionally, OHIC understands the rates negotiated for services between Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) and providers to be out of scope. While OHIC understands these negotiated rates for services to be out of scope, OHIC also understands it to be necessary to take into account the relationship between the rates for services on the Medicaid FFS fee schedules and the rates negotiated by Medicaid MCOs and overall context of the role that Medicaid MCOs play in financing Medicaid services.

JOIN US FOR OUR NOVEMBER HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING IN EXETER

The Health Insurance Advisory Council (HIAC) plays a constructive and important role in the work of OHIC, as it brings forth the consumer, business, and provider voices of Rhode Island. Four times each year the HIAC holds its monthly meeting in a community outside of its usual Cranston meeting location in an effort to connect with more consumers, advocates, and business leaders from across Rhode Island. In November the council is meeting at the Exeter Public Library on November 15th, at 4:30pm. View the [meeting agenda here](#).



Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Exeter Public Library

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