



Happy Spring from HealthSource RI!

As the snow has melted away and the days get longer, we at HealthSource RI (HSRI) are watching for potential changes on the horizon that could help customers struggling with the cost of health coverage.

In March, Governor Dan McKee signed an Executive Order that directs the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner to use regulatory tools to help lower health insurance costs for consumers. Among these strategies, better alignment of plan premiums is expected to bring an estimated additional \$12 million in federal tax credits to Rhode Island to reduce health insurance premiums in 2027 for HSRI customers.

The Governor also has a FY27 budget proposal to create the Rhode Island Marketplace Affordability Program (RIMAP), an initiative providing \$20 million annually in relief to HealthSource RI's customers most vulnerable to losing coverage due to affordability concerns. By replacing the recently expired enhanced federal subsidies for customers whose income is under 200% of the federal poverty level, Rhode Island can help keep coverage for around 20,000 HSRI customers. For example, a 44-year-old customer making \$31,000 a year would see a \$51 monthly bill under this proposal, as opposed to a current \$170 monthly bill.

At HSRI, we are monitoring the progress of this proposal and will share more once there is a final FY27 budget. Enrollment dropped in January 2026 by about 10,000 people from November 2025, and we know many Rhode Islanders are struggling with the cost of health coverage. RIMAP, if enacted, would make health coverage more affordable and accessible for Rhode Islanders.

Important Update for Paper Tax Filers in RI



Approximately 10% of Rhode Islanders still file paper tax returns. Due to recent USPS changes, mail is now postmarked when it is processed rather than when it is received. Taxpayers who mail their returns close to April 15 should request a manual postmark at the post office to ensure timely filing.

Additional guidance on filing income tax returns can be found [here](#) on the Division of Taxation website.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Update

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)** is a public health program that improves birth outcomes and children's long term health outcomes. Rhode Islanders that are pregnant, breastfeeding, or post-partum (up to 6 months, regardless of birth outcome), and/or have a child up to age 5 may participate in the WIC program if they meet our eligibility guidelines. Click here to view [RI WIC eligibility guidelines](#). Parents and guardians of children under age 5 can apply using the [WIC PRESCREENING TOOL \(USDA.GOV\)](#).


Rhode Island recently converted to the new WIC food rules, so new foods and options are now available to WIC participants. The new rules offer plant-based options in dairy products, eggs can be replaced with beans and legumes. Whole grains have more options available and for those who prefer fruits and vegetables to

juice, you will have the option to increase the fruit and vegetable benefits. For those not on the WIC Program:

- Contacting the Information line 401-222-5960
- Call a local WIC program to make an appointment
- View the WIC Webpage at RIDOH, www.health.ri.gov/wic



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MAY	
Tues. 5/5	9:30 a.m.
Weds. 5/13	10:30 a.m.
JUNE	
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Weds. 6/17	10:30 a.m.
JULY	
Weds. 7/8	9:30 a.m.
Thurs. 7/16	10:30 a.m.
AUGUST	
Weds. 8/5	9:30 a.m.
Tues. 8/18	10:30 a.m.
SEPTEMBER	
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Tues. 9/15	10:30 a.m.
OCTOBER	
Thurs. 10/1	9:30 a.m.
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Let's Connect



HSRI's outreach team loves to be in the community. Just recently, we were at the **Women's History Month event** sharing information about health coverage options. We will be at **Feed RI** on April 11th and the **Times2 Academy** on April 30th. We would be happy to bring our health coverage table or workshops to events you might be hosting, just send an email to Jordan.banick.ctr@exchange.ri.gov.

Thank you for being a part of the HealthSource RI community — we look forward to our continued work together. As always, we welcome your comments, feedback, questions, and insights. You can reach our team at info@healthsourceri.com.



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