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Seema Mack, Executive Director
Children's Health Account of Rhode Island (CHA-RI)
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Dear Ms. Mack:

It is my understanding that on April 30, 2025, the Children's Health Account – Rhode Island (CHA-RI) met to discuss setting the FY26 assessment rate. RI Gen L § 42-7.4-3 became effective January 1, 2016 establishing a new methodology for determining the assessment rate for the children's health account. Under this statute, the Secretary shall set the children's health services funding contribution as described in RI Gen L § 42-12-29.

It is also my understanding that CHA-RI used the methodology established in the statute to determine the assessment rate for the children's health account and used this methodology to set the FY26 assessment rate.

- The FY26 assessment rate is: \$7.97 per contribution enrollee per month.

After reviewing the recommendations and consulting with the CHA-RI program, I adopt CHA-RI's recommendation regarding the FY26 assessment rate and set the assessment rates as recommended. I further adopt use of the methodology established to set the above assessment rates. I direct CHA-RI to post a notice of the FY26 Assessment Rate at www.CHA-RI.org.

Sincerely,

Kristin Pono Sousa
Medicaid Program Director

