

October 27, 2017

The Honorable Representative Patricia A. Serpa  
State of Rhode Island General Assembly  
82 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairwoman Serpa:

Thank you for the ongoing opportunity to share information on the progress the State is making towards improving RI Bridges and the way in which we deliver health and human services to Rhode Islanders.

This submission shares data from **October 9, 2017 through October 22, 2017.**

Below, please find our monthly updates and attachments in addition to our standing bi-weekly submission points. The standard FNS data reports are not attached because, with FNS' permission, we have paused our submissions. When we resume submitting these reports we will include them in our bi-weekly submission.

Standing Bi-Weekly Updates and Attachments:

**1. Correspondences with federal partners –**

Please see the following attachments:

- DHS received a FNS letter clarifying treatment of households receiving Puerto Rico's NAP who apply for SNAP on October 4, 2017.
- DHS received a FNS letter SNAP-Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Allocations of 15 Percent Exemptions for Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABA WDs) - Not Adjusted for Carryover on October 5, 2017.
- DHS received a FNS letter SNAP - Issues with Certification Materials Submission Instructions on October 6, 2017.
- DHS received a USDA letter acknowledging Rhode Island is among the States with the highest Program Access Index for calendar year 2016 on October 17, 2017.
- DHS received a FNS letter informing us of the improvements to the SNAP Quality Control system on September 17, 2017
- DHS received a FNS letter notifying of the evaluation of the School Meal Data Collection Process.
- DHS received a ACF letter acknowledging the completion of the TANF Plan on October 24, 2017.

**2. Number of off-cycle payments for the Child Care Assistance Program –**

83 off-cycle payments were made during this period.

**3. Interim payments for Long Term Services and Supports –**

0 off-cycle payments were made during this period.

Attached Reports:

- Daily Health Reports



Thank you for allowing us to provide details related to the State's RI Bridges improvement efforts. If you, or the Committee, have any further questions regarding the project, or any other matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Zachary W. Sherman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Zachary W. Sherman  
Director  
HealthSource RI

CC: Honorable Members of House Committee on Oversight