Housing Affordability Impact Analysis

The proposed amendment will have no impact on the affordability of housing and there is an extreme unlikelihood that the proposed amendment would evoke a change in the average costs associated with housing, since the proposed amendment pertains to the maximum permitted percentage adjustment that a private autobus carrier may make to its rate, fare, or charge for intrastate regular route service.

Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis

The Commission does not anticipate that the proposed amendment will have an impact on smart growth, as there is an extreme unlikelihood that it would evoke a change in the housing production within Planning Areas 1 or 2, or within designated centers, pursuant to the State Development and Redevelopment Plan, as the proposed amendment pertains to the maximum permitted percentage adjustment that a private autobus carrier may make to its rate, fare, or charge for intrastate regular route service.

Racial and Ethnic Community Criminal Justice and Public Safety Impact

The proposed amendment will have no impact on pretrial detention, sentencing, probation, or parole policies concerning adults and juveniles in the State, as the rule pertains solely to the maximum permitted percentage adjustment that a private autobus carrier may make to its rate, fare, or charge for intrastate regular route service. Accordingly, no further analysis is required.

Full text of the proposal follows (additions indicated in boldface thus; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

16:53D-1.1 General provisions

(a) Any regular route autobus carrier operating within the State, which carrier seeks to revise its rates, fares, or charges in effect as of the time of the promulgation of this rule, shall not be required to conform with N.J.A.C. 16:51-3.10, Tariff filings that do not propose increases in charges to customers, or 3.11, Tariff petitions that propose increases in charges to customers, provided the increase or decrease in the rate, fare, or charge, or the aggregate of increases and decreases in any single rate, fare, or charge is not more than the maximum percentage increase (10 percent for [2026] **2027**) or decrease (10 percent for [2026] **2027**), upgraded to the nearest $.05.

1. For illustrative purposes, the following chart sets forth the [2026] **2027** percentage maximum for increases to particular rates, fares, or charges and the resultant amount as upgraded to the nearest $.05:

(No change in table.)

2. For [2026] **2027** purposes, the following chart sets forth the [2026] **2027** percentage maximum for decreases to particular rates, fares, or charges and the resultant amount as upgraded to the nearest $.05:

(No change in table.)

3. (No change.)

TREASURY—GENERAL

(a)

DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

General administration

Proposed Amendment: N.J.A.C. 17:1-13.5

Authorized By: Sonia Rivera-Perez, Acting Director, Division of Pensions and Benefits.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.1a and 52:18A-96 et seq.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2026-046.

Submit comments by November 7, 2026, to:

Danielle Schimmel
Assistant Director
Division of Pensions and Benefits
PO Box 295
Trenton, NJ 08625-0295
DPB.regulations@treas.nj.gov

The agency proposal follows:

Summary

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.1a, the Director of the Division of Pensions and Benefits (Division) has the authority to regulate and oversee State employers' established cafeteria plans in accordance with §125 of the Federal Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 125). These cafeteria plans allow State employers to establish an unreimbursed medical and dental spending account, known as a Flexible Spending Account (FSA), for their employees.

Following a review of N.J.A.C. 17:1-13.5(c), which pertains to salary reduction elections, the Division proposes an amendment to this regulation to ensure alignment with the annual IRS limit increases established for each calendar year. As a result, the maximum amount by which an employee's salary can be reduced to contribute to an FSA, as outlined in the plan, will be adjusted annually for inflation in accordance with keep § 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, specifically 26 U.S.C. § 125(i).

As the Division has provided a 60-day comment period on this notice of proposal, this notice is excepted from the rulemaking calendar requirement, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

Social Impact

The members and dependents of a State-administered cafeteria plan, FSA, rely on the efficient operation of the plan and the presence and predictability of rules that guide the effective and efficient administration of their plan. Likewise, participating employers rely on the existence of efficient enrollment and payment procedures that are based on current statutes and laws. The protections and guarantees that the proposed amendment affords members, dependents, and employers of the State-administered health benefits programs and FSAs who participate mandate their continued existence. The taxpaying public is also affected by the proposed amendment, because public monies are used to fund the benefits. Therefore, taxpayers also benefit from the proper and efficient administration of the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP).

Economic Impact

The proposed amendment will not present any economic effects on the public, other than those individuals who are prospectively affected by the increase of salary deduction at N.J.A.C. 17:1-13.5(c). The proposed amendment will improve current policies and procedures by aligning with Federal regulations. In addition, the proposed amendment will continue to provide for the effective and efficient delivery of health benefits, while also meeting existing statutory and contractual requirements.

Federal Standards Statement

The proposed amendment meets, but does not exceed, the applicable Federal standards, pursuant to § 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 125. There are no other Federal standards applicable to the subject matter of this chapter; therefore, a Federal standards analysis is not required.

Jobs Impact

Implementation of the proposed amendment will not result in the generation or loss of jobs. The Division invites any interested parties to submit written comments, along with any data or studies concerning the impact of jobs, on the proposed amendment.

Agriculture Industry Impact

The proposed amendment will not have any impact on the agriculture industry.

Regulatory Flexibility Statement

N.J.A.C. 17:1-13.5(c) affects members and dependents of the SHBP. Thus, the proposed amendment does not impose any reporting, recordkeeping, or other compliance requirements upon small businesses, as defined pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

Housing Affordability Impact Analysis

The proposed amendment will have no impact on the affordability of housing in New Jersey, nor will it involve a change in the average costs associated with housing, because the proposed amendment pertains only to the administration of all State-administered cafeteria plans and FSAs, for members and dependents.

Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis

The proposed amendment will not impact the achievement of smart growth, nor will it involve a change in housing production in Planning Areas 1 or 2, or within designated centers, pursuant to the State Development and Redevelopment Plan in New Jersey, because the proposed amendment pertains to administration of State administered cafeteria plan, FSA, for members and dependents.

Racial and Ethnic Community Criminal Justice and Public Safety Impact

The Division has evaluated this rulemaking and determined that it will not have an impact on pretrial detention, sentencing, probation, or parole policies concerning adults and juveniles in the State. Accordingly, no further analysis is required.

Full text of the proposal follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 13. NEW JERSEY STATE EMPLOYEES TAX SAVINGS PROGRAM (TAX$AVE)

17:1-13.5 Salary reduction elections

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) In each calendar year, an employee establishing an unreimbursed medical spending account must elect a salary reduction amount of at least $100.00 but not more than [$2,500] **the maximum amount adjusted based on the annual inflation limitation specified in Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 125(i),** for this account.

(d)-(e) (No change.)

OTHER AGENCIES

(a)

CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Notice of Proposed Substantial Changes Upon Adoption to Proposed Amendments

Tourism District Land Development Regulations

Proposed Changes: N.J.A.C. 19:66-5.10, 5.16, 5.18 and 5.19

Proposed: September 15, 2025 at 57 N.J.R. 2234(a).

Authorized By: Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, Eric Scheffler, Executive Director/Board of Directors.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:12-161.f and 5:12-220.

Submit comments by November 7, 2026, electronically at: https://njcrda.com/public-notices/. Electronic submittal of comments is encouraged. Alternatively, comments may be submitted on paper to:

Sharon Dickerson, Esq., General Counsel
Casino Reinvestment Development Authority
15 South Pennsylvania Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Attention: Law Department

Interested persons may obtain a copy of this notice of substantial changes upon adoption to proposed amendments from the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority website, www.njcrda.com. The substantial changes upon adoption to proposed amendments may also be inspected during normal office hours at the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority's offices, located at 15 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401.

Take notice that the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (the Authority) proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 19:66 on September 15, 2025, at 57 N.J.R. 2234(a) to: (1) make minor corrections to address grammatical/typographical errors, provide clarification, and promote consistency throughout; (2) address new uses, such as licensed cannabis businesses through the creation of the Cannabis Overlay Zone (COZ), which shall conditionally permit the operation of licensed cannabis businesses; (3) amend zoning district boundaries, resulting in the removal of the Thorofare Waterfront District (TW) and the inclusion of this former district in the Ducktown Arts District (DA); and (4) promote consistency with the ordinances of the City of Atlantic City.

The notice of proposal for the proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 19:66 was published in the New Jersey Register on September 15, 2025, at 57 N.J.R. 2234(a), and included notice of a public hearing to be held on October 16, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority Board Room, 15 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401. The notice of proposal, as published in the New Jersey Register, was posted on the Authority's website on September 15, 2025. The Authority also distributed copies of the notice of proposal or a statement of substance (including notice of public hearing) to: (1) interested parties by means of regular and certified mail; (2) stakeholders by means of regular mail; (3) all individuals who signed up through the Authority's website to receive notice relating to rulemaking activity by means of electronic mail; and (4) the members of the news media maintaining a press office at the State House Complex through electronic mail. The Authority also published a statement of substance, including notice of the public hearing, between September 15 and 16, 2025, in the following three newspapers: Atlantic City Press, the Courier Post, and the Star Ledger. One public hearing was held on October 16, 2025. Written comments were accepted through November 15, 2025. The public comment period closed on November 15, 2025.

The proposed substantial changes to the proposed amendments are agency-initiated changes and not the result of comments on the original notice of proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 19:66. The purpose of the substantial changes upon adoption is to add townhouse dwellings as permitted uses in the Bader Field District, add duplexes and townhouse dwellings as permitted uses in the Lighthouse One and Lighthouse Two Districts, and to include area and bulk standards for uses which the Authority proposes to permit. A summary of the agency-initiated changes is set forth below. This notice of proposed substantial changes is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4.10.

Summary of Proposed Changes:

The Authority is proposing to make substantial changes to the proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 19:66 in order to: (1) provide a maximum building coverage standard for single-family attached, single-family detached, and duplexes in the Resort Commercial District; (2) allow for townhouse dwellings as permitted uses in the Bader Field, Lighthouse One, and Lighthouse Two Districts, and to provide area and bulk standards for townhouse dwelling uses; and (3) allow for single-family attached, single-family detached, and duplexes as permitted uses in the Lighthouse One and Lighthouse Two Districts, and to provide area and bulk standards for these uses. Specifically, the Authority is proposing to make the following substantial changes to the proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 19:66.

1. At proposed N.J.A.C. 19:66-5.10(a)1v(5), deleting "detached single-family" to establish the maximum building coverage permitted for single-family attached, single-family detached, and duplexes or two-family dwellings in the Resort Commercial District at 70 percent;

2. Removing the proposed language from N.J.A.C. 19:66-5:16(a)1i(1) to address potential ambiguity and ensure that the permitted uses of multi-family, low-rise, and mid-rise residential remain permitted uses;

3. Adding new N.J.A.C. 19:66-5.16(a)1i(16) to allow for townhouse dwellings as permitted uses in the Bader Field District subject to specific area and bulk standards applicable only to townhouse dwellings set forth at new N.J.A.C. 19:66-5.16(a)1v;

4. Amending N.J.A.C. 19:66-5.16(a)1iv to clarify and enforce that the area and bulk requirements set forth in this provision apply to all uses in the Bader Field District, except for townhouse dwellings, the area and