

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**BATTERER'S INTERVENTION PROGRAM STANDARDS OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE**

Title of Rule: Comprehensive Standards

Rule Identifier: 244-RICR-00-00-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 10/19/2018

End of Public Comment: 11/18/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:

RIGL 12-29-5.2

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of the amendment to the Comprehensive Standards is to better enable the duly constituted Oversight Committee to identify, certify, and monitor programs that shall be eligible for referral of court-mandated batterers intervention counseling.

TITLE PAGE and TABLE OF CONTENTS – removed to be consistent with RICR formatting.

Section 1- PURPOSE STATEMENT

Section removed – relevant language moved into new section 2.2.

Section 2- HISTORY, AUTHORITY and SCOPE of OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Section removed. Removed non-regulatory language and language that is found in RIGL 12-29.5.

ADDED – New Authority section (2.1) as required by RICR format as well as concise Purpose section (2.2) taken from original sections 1.5 -1.7.

Section 3.- FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES

Now Section 2.3 – Minor edits to clarify requirements for certification of programs.

Section 4-GENERAL PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

Now Section 2.4 -Revisions to remove nonregulatory language, clarify requirements, and appropriately reference the requirement in Part 1 of the Subchapter (244-RICR-10-00-1).

Section 5-PROGRAM CONTENT

Now Section 2.5 - Non-regulatory language removed and will be placed in guidance.

2.5.1 Group Format Standards

Non-regulatory language removed. Language that is deemed informational will be placed in guidance document.

2.5.2 Curriculum Topics

Non-regulatory language removed. Language that is deemed informational will be placed in guidance document.

2.5.3 Presentation of Curriculum

Non-regulatory language removed. Language that is deemed informational will be placed in guidance document.

2.5.4 Written Curriculum Format

Non-regulatory language removed. Language that is deemed informational will be placed in guidance document.

Section 6- CLIENT ENROLLMENT AND REQUIREMENTS

Now section 2.6

2.6.1 Identified Problems and Referrals for Other Services

Revised language to clarify regulatory requirements.

2.6.3 through 2.6.9

Language in these sections was revised and the paragraphs reordered to streamline the information provided for client enrollment processes.

2.6.10 Rules of Conduct for Group Participants

Revised language to clarify regulatory requirements.

Section 7-GROUP FACILITATORS AND OTHER STAFF

Now Section 2.7

Non-regulatory language was removed and the language was revised throughout this section clarify regulatory requirements. References to the appendices were removed. Documents from appendices will be included in a guidance document.

Section 8-SPECIAL ISSUES

Now Section 2.8

Non-regulatory language removed and revisions made to clarify regulatory requirements.

Section 9-VARIANCES

Now Section 2.9

Removed reiteration of R.I. Gen. Laws §12-29-5 was removed be replaced with a citation to the appropriate link §12-29-5. Additional non-regulatory language was revised to clarify regulatory requirements.

Section 10-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM FEATURES

This section is guidance and was removed to will be placed in a separate guidance document.

Section 11-APPENDICES

This section is guidance and was removed to will be placed in a separate guidance document.

This Part is connected to the following Part
244-RICR-00-00-1

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 18, 2018 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of the proposed consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.