

**UNIVERSAL CHANGING STATIONS
220-RICR-70-00-4**

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Department of Administration

DIVISION: Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

SUBDIVISION: N/A

RULE IDENTIFIER: 220-RICR-70-00-4

RULE TITLE: Universal Changing Stations

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of this Part is to govern the installation of universal changing stations in public buildings that are newly constructed, reconstructed, or remodeled on or after January 1, 2027.

RULEMAKING ACTION: Adoption

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: None.

AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULEMAKING: R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-8-21(a).

SUMMARY OF RULEMAKING ACTION:

The Department of Administration ("DOA") is proposing to adopt regulations establishing a regulatory framework for universal changing stations requirements in public buildings, pursuant to the mandate set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-8-21.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

Benefits

The enabling statute directs DOA to promulgate regulations requiring the installation of Universal Changing Stations ("UCS") in public buildings. DOA's jurisdiction over public buildings is set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-11-2. Installing UCS in public buildings pursuant to these regulations and in accordance with statute will ensure equity, accessibility, predictability, and dignity for those with different toileting needs and their caregivers.

Costs

Installation costs are non-discretionary and are therefore treated as out-of-scope of the regulatory analysis prepared under R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.9. For transparency, possible installation costs as outlined in the fiscal note may range from \$52,000 to \$73,000 per UCS. The fiscal note and full regulatory analysis can be provided upon request.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staff person listed above