

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

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Title of Rule: Universal Changing Stations

Rule Identifier: 220-RICR-70-00-4

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: May 26, 2026

Hearing Date: July 1, 2026

End of Public Comment: July 10, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

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.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until July 10, 2026 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Kelly Crawley
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Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908
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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed adoption shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: July 1, 2026

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Location: Department of Administration
Conference Room 2A
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI, 02908

The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and, therefore, the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-222-8880 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

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 staffperson listed above.