

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Assistants (216-RICR-40-05-2)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-40-05-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 08/15/2018

Hearing Date: 09/11/2018

End of Public Comment: 09/17/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-31.1

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The RIDOH is proposing rulemaking to revise the Authority section, add anesthesia-related standards to the Incorporated Materials section, create definitions for adult, analgesia, competency, continuous, enteral, immediately available, operating dentist, parenteral, qualified dentist, qualified provider, time-oriented anesthesia record, titration, and transdermal, revise the definitions for inhalation, local anesthesia, and minimal sedation, remove superfluous language, revise requirements for administration of anesthesia in dental offices, revise permitting framework for individuals and facilities, revise personnel requirements for anesthesia, revise equipment requirements for anesthesia, and create clinical guidelines for anesthesia.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until September 17, 2018 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Paula Pullano
Department of Health
Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Policy, Information, and
Communications
3 Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5097

Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on September 11, 2018 at 10:00 am at Rhode Island Department of Health, Auditorium (Lower Level), 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. 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 who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-222-1042 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.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of the proposed amendment, 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 on available information. RIDOH has determined that the benefits of the proposed rule justify the costs of the proposed rule.

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