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In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-3(a)(1), the following is a concise statement regarding this Direct Final Rulemaking for Certification of Health Plans (216-RICR-40-10-21).

The Rhode Island Department of Health (“RIDOH”) is repealing these regulations because the statutory authority under which they were created has been repealed and transferred to the Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner.

No objections to this Direct Final Rulemaking were received during the objection period, therefore RIDOH will file this repeal without opportunity for public comment, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.11.

In the development of the proposed repeal, 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 this repeal justify the costs of the repeal.