

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CONCISE STATEMENT OF PROPOSED NON-TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS
(AMENDMENTS TO AN EXISTING REGULATION)**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-3(a)(1), the following is a concise statement of proposed non-technical amendments to the rules and regulations for Pain Management, Opioid Use, and the Registration of Distributors of Controlled Substances in Rhode Island (216-RICR-20-20-4).

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
	§ 4.1: Corrects Authority section to cite to statutory basis for the regulations.
	§ 4.2: Revises to incorporate by reference 21 C.F.R. § 1311, the federal requirements for electronic orders/prescriptions.
	§ 4.3(A): Removes superfluous definitions for comorbidity, episodic care, episodic/procedural pain, and functional assessment. Additionally, the definition for “addiction” has been removed and will be replaced throughout the regulations with “substance use disorder,” in alignment with current diagnostic terminology (see below description of revision to § 4.3(A)(30)).
	§§ 4.3(A)(2), (17), (19), and (20): Implements grammatical/technical terminology corrections.
	§ 4.3(A)(13): Creates definition for electronic prescription.
	§ 4.3(A)(29): Creates definition for standing order.
	§ 4.3(A)(30): Creates a definition for substance use disorder, which replaces the term “addiction” throughout the regulations.
	§ 4.4(C) through (D), (G)(3), (H), and (I): Implements general grammatical corrections, definitional updates, and removes superfluous uses of “from substance dependence.”
	§ 4.4(D): Clarifies requirement for documentation of patient education for opioid prescriptions.
	§ 4.4(E): Clarifies requirement for mandatory PDMP review on initial prescription of an opioid and every three months thereafter.
	§ 4.4(K): Creates requirements for electronic prescriptions.
	§ 4.4(L): Implements allowance by RIDOH of equivalents to ICD-10 codes, to provide for professions which may not utilize ICD-10 codes such as dentists or veterinarians.
	§ 4.4(M) through (P): Implements general grammatical/definitional revisions.
	§ 4.4(Q): Implements the statutory requirement for voluntary non-opiate directives, and provides for appropriate requirements for such regarding pre-hospital emergency medical services practitioners.
	§ 4.5: Removes superfluous language, revises to cite the correct part number of the Pharmacy regulations, and implements definitional revisions.
	§ 4.8: Revises to cite the correct part number of the Practices and Procedures regulations.