

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (216-RICR-10-05-2)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-10-05-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 11/19/2020

End of Public Comment: 12/21/2020

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-1-3(b), 23-1-17, and 23-1-54

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This rule is being promulgated to establish fees for various COVID-19 testing methods provided by the State Health Laboratories; to increase the newborn testing fee in order to account for new conditions that newborns must be screened for; and to add or adjust several fees to match what is in statute or in the current RIDOH licensing system.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until December 21, 2020 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of this rule, 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 rule justify its costs.

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