

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**  
**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**CONCISE STATEMENT OF PROPOSED NON-TEHCNICAL AMENDMENTS**  
**(AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS)**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1.7(b)(8), the following is a concise statement of proposed non-technical amendments to *Pharmacists, Pharmacies, and Manufacturers, Wholesalers, and Distributors (216-RICR-40-15-1)*

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
§ 1.2 (A)(3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a definition for “Active ingredient”.</li> </ul>
§ 1.2 (A)(9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a definition for “Auto substitute”.</li> </ul>
§ 1.2 (A)(39)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a definition for “COVID-19”.</li> </ul>
§ 1.2 (A)(49)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a definition for “Dispense as written”.</li> </ul>
§ 1.2 (A)(63)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removes the definition for “Executive Order” as it no longer appears in the regulation.</li> </ul>
§ 1.4.20 (B)(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permits prescription drugs to be returned to a pharmacy in the event there is a recall or medication error.</li> </ul>
§ 1.4.20 (B)(3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires records of returned drugs to be made available to the Department upon request.</li> </ul>
§ 1.4.22 (B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adds a provision noting that dispensing additional prescription refills beyond what is prescribed may constitute unprofessional conduct.</li> </ul>
§ 1.4.22(C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permits pharmacists to dispense drug quantities in excess of the face amount of non-controlled substances not to exceed the total amount of authorized refills.</li> </ul>
§ 1.4.24 (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows pharmacists to dispense a one-time emergency refill up to 90 days.</li> </ul>
§ 1.4.24 (A)(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits drugs in schedule II, III, and IV from being dispensed for a one-time emergency 90-day refill.</li> </ul>
§ 1.5.5 (B)(5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows pharmacists to work remotely as operationally feasible.</li> </ul>
§ 1.5.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows prescriptions to be transferred an unlimited amount of times.</li> </ul>
§ 1.5.27 (C)(5)(a)	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows institutional pharmacies to not store a patients' personal medication in the pharmacy and allows personal medication to be stored in the patients' room.</li> </ul>
§ 1.12.1 (A)(8)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows pharmacy technicians to work remotely as operationally feasible.</li> </ul>
§ 1.15	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permits certain pharmacy procedures in the event of a state of emergency declared by the governor pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 30-15-9.</li> </ul>