

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations Governing Vital Records (216-RICR-10-10-1)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-10-10-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 01/15/2021

End of Public Comment: 02/15/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-3-3

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This proposed regulation eliminates the notarized physician letter that is currently required in order to change the gender of a vital record. Instead, persons born in RI can provide a self-attestation when requesting a gender change to a vital record.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until February 15, 2021 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.