

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

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Title of Rule:** Harm Reduction Centers

**Rule Identifier:** 216-RICR-40-10-25

**Rulemaking Action:** Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: 09/15/2021

Hearing Date: 09/22/2021

End of Public Comment: 09/29/2021

**Authority for this Rulemaking:**

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-12.10

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws 42-35-2.5, advance notice is hereby given that the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) proposes the adoption of rules and regulations for Harm Reduction Centers (216-RICR-40-10-25). RIDOH is proposing rulemaking to provide requirements for licensure, organization and management, management of clinical services, environmental management, physical plant and equipment, and practices and procedures for harm reduction centers.

A community review of the regulation will be held on:

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 2:30PM via Zoom (Zoom link to come).

Members of the public are welcome to attend and provide comments and time will be allotted during the meeting to hear concerns and answer questions pertaining to Harm Reduction Centers.

**Additional Information and Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until September 29, 2021 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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**Public Hearing:**

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed adoption shall be held on September 22, 2021 at 2:30 pm at Zoom Link to Come, Providence, RI 02903 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-222-3395 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.