

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Licensing Home Nursing Care Providers and Home Care Providers
(216-RICR-40-10-17)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-40-10-17

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 10/07/2021

End of Public Comment: 11/06/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-17-10 and 23-17-42

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This regulation adds advance practice registered nurse (APRN), certified clinical nurse specialist, and physician assistant to the definition section; revises the definition of health care provider, medical services; and changes the definition of "attending physician" to "attending clinician" which now includes physician assistant, APRN's and certified clinical nurse specialist.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 6, 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:

The proposed regulation will expand access to home nursing care and home care by allowing additional qualified clinicians, such as a physician assistant or advance

practice registered nurse, to prescribe home nursing care or home care to patients as well as attend to patients. This expansion will allow greater access to home nursing care and home care and is not anticipated to incur costs beyond prescribed treatment.

In 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.