

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: School Health Programs (216-RICR-20-10-4)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-20-10-4

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 10/22/2021

Hearing Date: 11/08/2021

End of Public Comment: 11/21/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 16-21-7(a) and 23-1-18(4)

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The RIDOH is proposing amendments to the School Health Program regulations to align the regulations with the Rhode Island Department of Education; incorporate information and requirements on vision and eye screening; implement requirements of RIGL 40-11-3 regarding child abuse and neglect; Adds reference and implements RIGL 16-22-4 regarding mixing opioids and alcohol; to allow licensed dental hygienists to perform dental screenings; requires development of policies and procedures for maintenance of a supply of opioid antagonists in private and elementary schools; implement requirements for medical marijuana and CBD oil administration; remove superfluous language; correct citations to RIGL and RI regulations; and revise to plain language.

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 21, 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 amendment shall be held on November 8, 2021 at 4:00 pm at Rhode

Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, RIDOH Auditorium (Lower Level), Providence, RI 02908 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.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

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.