

**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 *Licensing Assisted Living Residences (216-RICR-40-10-2)*.

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
§ 2.2	Revises reference to ANSI A117.1 - 2009 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities, International Code Council, 2009 edition
§ 2.3	Re-orders definitions in alphabetical order
§ 2.3(A)(13)	Creates definition of “declaration of disaster emergency”
§ 2.3(A)(19)	Creates definition of “essential caregiver”
§ 2.3(A)(38)	Creates definition of “vaccinated”
§ 2.4.10(D)	Changes the time frame for an orderly closure plan from 30 days to 60 days
§ 2.4.17(D)	Adds text to the reporting requirement: “...immediately, but not later than two (2) hours after the allegation is made, if the events that cause the allegation involve abuse or result in serious bodily injury, or not later than twenty-four (24) hours if the events that cause the allegation do not involve abuse and do not result in serious bodily injury...”
§ 2.4.17(E)	Inserts telephone number and requirement related to faxing a report to RIDOH within three business days
§ 2.4.17(F)	Includes a reporting requirement in the event of an elopement of a resident that results in police being called; it must be reported in writing to RIDOH within twenty-four (24) hours or by the end of the next business day
§ 2.4.19	Creates a new section on essential caregivers, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.5-37
§ 2.4.32	Provides procedures for COVID-19 requirements of residents and personnel
§ 2.5.2(M)	Inserts provisions from R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.4-16 related to persons who do not otherwise meet the requirements for a special care unit or program who may still choose to reside in the unit