

**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 *Licensure and Discipline of Physicians (216-RICR-40-05-1)*

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
§ 1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds “incorporated materials” to the title of the section
§ 1.1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates new section for incorporated materials and incorporates by reference the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Guide to Infection Prevention
§ 1.2(A)(6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds definition of “Compounding”
§ 1.2(A)(7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds definition of “Compounding sterile preparations”
§ 1.2(A)(23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds definition of “Prescriber”
§ 1.2(A)(25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds definition of “Telemedicine”
§ 1.4.5(D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the prohibition on volunteer licenses for academic physicians
§ 1.5.6(C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes a reduced renewal fee for a physician who completes professional education programs
§ 1.5.9(C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits physician to prescribe non-controlled substances for themselves or immediate family members for a 30-day supply
§ 1.5.9(F)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits physicians from receiving gifts greater than \$100 per calendar year
§ 1.5.9(G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires compounding to conform to current pharmacy regulations and the USP
§ 1.5.9(H)(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the CDC Guide to Infection Prevention as the prevailing standard
§ 1.5.9(H)(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires telemedicine to be held to the same standards of care as in person settings
§ 1.5.9(I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits the board to issue fines
§ 1.5.10(A)(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires 90-day notice to all patients when a physician voluntarily closes the practice
§ 1.5.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises the collaborative pharmacy practice procedures