

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Licensure and Discipline of Physicians (216-RICR-40-05-1)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-40-05-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: February 14, 2022

End of Public Comment: March 17, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-1.4(5) and 5-19.2-3

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This rule is being amended to incorporate materials, add the definitions of: compounding, compounding sterile preparations, prescriber, and telemedicine; remove prohibition on volunteer licenses for academic physicians; permit prescribing a 30-day supply of non-controlled substances for family members; prohibit accepting of gifts greater than \$100; requires conforming to compounding standards; permits the Board to issue fines; and require 90-day notice to patients when a physician closes his or her practice; and revises the collaborative pharmacy procedures.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until March 17, 2022 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 a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

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 contact the agency staffperson listed above.