

**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 *Opioid Overdose Prevention and Reporting (216-RICR-20-20-5)*

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
Various Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="253 573 971 604">• Replaces “Naloxone (Narcan)” with “Opioid Antagonist”
§ 5.2(A)(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="253 703 675 735">• Creates definition of “BHDDH”
§ 5.2(A)(4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="253 833 862 865">• Creates definition of “Health Care Professional”
§ 5.2(A)(4) (old numbering)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="253 963 818 995">• Removes definition of “Naloxone (Narcan)”
§ 5.2(A)(5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="253 1094 656 1125">• Revises definition of “Opioid”
§ 5.2(A)(6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="253 1224 789 1255">• Creates definition of “Opioid Antagonist”
§ 5.2(A)(7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="253 1354 938 1386">• Revises definition of “Opioid Related Drug Overdose”
§ 5.2(A)(8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="253 1484 656 1516">• Revises definition of “Patient”
§ 5.2(A)(10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="253 1614 1341 1646">• Creates definition of “Person at Risk of Experiencing an Opioid Related Drug Overdose”
§ 5.2(A)(9) (old numbering)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="253 1745 683 1776">• Removes definition of “Persons”
§ 5.2(A)(10) (old numbering)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="253 1871 769 1902">• Removes definition of “R.I. Gen. Laws”

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§ 5.2(A)(11) (old numbering)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes definition of “These Regulations”
§ 5.3 (Old numbering)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes entire section titled “Applicability”
§ 5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates new section titled “Prescribing, Dispensing and Administering Opioid Antagonists”
§ 5.3(A) & (B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits any person to possess and use of an opioid antagonist as a first aid or emergency treatment
§ 5.3(C) & (D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits health care professionals to dispense opioid antagonists
§ 5.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates new subsection “Prescribing, Dispensing, and Administering Opioid Antagonists by Healthcare Professionals”
§ 5.3.1(A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits opioid antagonists to be prescribed and dispensed to any persons and persons at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose
§ 5.3.1(B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires healthcare professionals who prescribe or dispense opioid antagonists to provide patient information
§ 5.3.1(C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare professionals who administer, dispense, prescribe etc. shall not be charged with unprofessional conduct based on a good faith effort to assist a person experiencing an opioid-related overdose or any other persons
§ 5.3.1(D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare professionals who prescribe or dispenses opioid antagonists shall not be subject to professional disciplinary action
§ 5.3.1(E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits emergency medical responders to administer opioid antagonists

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§ 5.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates new section “Administration of an Opioid Antagonist (General)”
§ 5.4 (old numbering)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletes section header “Health Care Professional Prescription of Drug Overdose Treatment Medication. Administration of Naloxone (Narcan) by an Unlicensed Person”
§ 5.4(A)(B)(D)(G) & (H) through (P) (old numbering)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deleted
§ 5.3.2(A) (previously § 5.4(C))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises to permit any person to administer an opioid antagonist to oneself or another person during an emergency
§ 5.3.2(B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any person administering, purchasing etc. shall not constitute unprofessional conduct or violation of law
§ 5.3.2(C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any person who administers an opioid antagonist shall be immune from sanction under professional licensing
§ 5.4(A) (previously § 5.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires hospitals for which medical care for an opioid related overdose is provided or sought to be provides report to the Department within 48 hours.
§ 5.4(B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require hospital to submit residual biological samples during the course of hospitalization.