

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, the following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Rhode Island Department of Health

DIVISION: N/A

RULE IDENTIFIER: 216-RICR-20-20-5

RULE TITLE: Opioid Overdose Prevention and Reporting

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: This rule is being promulgated to replace the definition of “Naloxone (Narcan)” with the generic term “Opioid Antagonist;” adds the definition of “BHDDH” and “person at risk of experiencing a drug related overdose;” revises the definitions of “healthcare professional;” “opioid” “patient” and “patient information;” clarifies the prescribing, dispensing, and administering opioid antagonists responsibilities for healthcare professionals and persons; permits anyone to administer opioid antagonists; and requires hospitals to report additional information of persons who have experienced and opioid related overdose within 48 hours.

ANY FINDINGS REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREEQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: N/A

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: No testimony or comments were received.

CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF THE RULE: No changes to the text of the rule were made.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

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.