

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Opioid Overdose Prevention and Reporting (216-RICR-20-20-5)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-20-20-5

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: May 31, 2022

End of Public Comment: June 30, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-1

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

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.

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 June 30, 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.