

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CONCISE STATEMENT OF PROPOSED NON-TECHNICAL 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 *Nursing Assistants, Medication Aides, and the Approval of Nursing Assistant and Medication Aide Training Programs (216-RICR-40-05-22)*.

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
§ 22.5.4 (D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adds “or a nursing assistant written and practical examination selected and approved by the Director or his/her designee” to change the following sentence to: Applicants for initial licensure as a nursing assistant by examination who have completed a nursing assistant training program in accordance with this Part, may be issued a one hundred twenty (120) day Temporary Permit authorizing the applicant to work under direct supervision of a licensed nurse or physician until the applicant has passed all required portions of the National Nursing Assistant Assessment Program <u>or a nursing assistant written and practical examination selected and approved by the Director or his/her designee.</u>
§ 22.5.4(E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deletes the following sentence: No extensions of the one hundred twenty (120) day Temporary Permit shall be allowed. Adds the following three sentences: The training program shall provide ongoing assistance to candidates, as necessary and upon the candidate’s request, to assure that testing date(s) are scheduled, and to facilitate the candidate’s attendance and successful performance of necessary tests. The availability of this assistance shall be communicated to all candidates prior to the conclusion of the training course. These efforts shall be documented and made available to the Department upon request.