

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Nursing Assistants, Medication Aides, and the Approval of Nursing Assistant and Medication Aide Training Programs (216-RICR-40-05-22)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-40-05-22

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: November 4, 2022

End of Public Comment: December 5, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § § 23-17.9-14

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The proposed changes will help alleviate the current shortage of licensed nursing assistants. Specifically, the goal is to open the market to additional test administrators, as the inability of the currently contracted vendor to meet testing demand from the recent graduates of nursing assistant training programs has created a bottleneck limiting their entry into the industry.

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 December 5, 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.