

**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 *Licensing Hospice Care (216-RICR-40-10-11)*.

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
§ 11.3 (A)(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the word “registered” from the following group of words – “certified registered nurse practitioner” and adds the following to the definition of “Attending practitioner” – Attending practitioner may also mean a physician assistant (who may or may not be on the hospice staff), as long as the physician assistant’s role is limited to providing medical and surgical services in collaboration with physicians, as set forth in the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-54.
§ 11.3 (A)(3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the following wording – “Bereavement counseling” means counseling services provided to the patient’s family after the patient’s death.
§ 11.3 (A)(6)(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes the word “solo” to “sole.”
§ 11.3 (A) (7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds the following definition of “Collaboration” – “Collaboration” means the physician assistant shall, as indicated by the patient’s condition, the education, competencies, and experience of the physician assistant, and the standards of care, consult with or refer to an appropriate physician or other healthcare professional. The degree of collaboration shall be determined by the practice and includes decisions made by a physician employer, physician group practice, and the credentialing and privileging systems of a licensed hospital, health center, or ambulatory care center. A physician must be accessible at all times for consultation by the physician assistant.
§ 11.3 (A) (17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes “Medication technician” to “Medication aide”.
§ 11.3 (A) (23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds the following definition of “Physician assistant” – “Physician assistant” means a person who is qualified by academic and practical training to provide medical and surgical services in collaboration with physicians as set forth in the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-54.”
§ 11.3 (A) (26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes the word “other” to “another similar.”
§ 11.5.1 (B) (4)	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the wording “as amended,” adds the word “applicable,” and changes “§ 28-5-1 et seq.” to “Chapter 28-5.”
§ 11.5.1 (D) (7) (d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes the words “such other” to “similar services.”
§ 11.5.5 (B) (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the word “registered” from the following group of words – “certified registered nurse practitioner.”
§ 11.5.8 (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the word “registered” from the following group of words – “certified registered nurse practitioner.” Adds the following sentence – “Attending practitioner services may also be provided by a physician assistant, as long as the physician assistant’s role is limited to providing medical and surgical services in collaboration with physicians, as set forth in the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-54.”
§ 11.5.8 (A) (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the word “registered” from the following group of words – “certified registered nurse practitioner” and adds the wording “, or, as appropriate, physician assistant.”
§ 11.5.8 (A) (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the word “registered” from the following group of words – “certified registered nurse practitioner” and adds the wording “, and/or, as appropriate, physician assistant.”
§ 11.5.8 (C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes the word “provided” to “offered”.
§ 11.5.8 (D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes the word “provided” to “offered”.
§ 11.5.8 (J) (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the word “registered” from the following group of words – “certified registered nurse practitioner” and adds the wording “, and/or, as appropriate, physician assistant.”
§ 11.5.8 (J) (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the word “registered” from the following group of words – “certified registered nurse practitioner” and adds the wording “, or, as appropriate, physician assistant.”
§ 11.5.9 (F) (1) (h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the word “registered” from the following group of words – “certified registered nurse practitioner.”

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§ 11.5.10 (A) (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deletes “Physician; (may include the medical director, attending physician, or certified registered nurse practitioner);” and adds the words “Attending practitioner.”
§ 11.5.10 (A) (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removes the word “certified registered nurse practitioner.”