

**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 *Clinical Social Workers and Independent Social Workers (216-RICR-40-05-7)*.

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
<p>§ 7.4.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds the following wording as a new section § 7.4.1 (C) – “Individuals who have attained a Master of Social Work degree from an accredited college or university and apply for licensure within eighteen (18) months of graduation are exempt from licensure as provided herein provided that the individual meets all of the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On and after August 15, 2025, the individual is authorized to take the examination required herein and has not previously failed that examination more than once; 2. The individual performs all such social work services under the direct personal supervision of a person who holds a valid Rhode Island license as a licensed independent clinical social worker pursuant to § 5-39.1-8; 3. The individual is designated or identified as a “social-work intern”, “social-work trainee,” or other clearly indicating training status; and 4. The individual does not hold himself or herself out to the public as any title or description that states or implies that the individual is licensed to practice social work in Rhode Island.” <p>§ 7.4.2 (A) (1) (b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds the following wording to § 7.4.2 (A) (1) (b) – to read – “After August 15, 2025, has satisfactorily completed a national examination at the appropriate level for this license as specified in § 7.4.3 (A) (5) (a) of this Part.” <p>§ 7.4.4 (A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds the following wording – “The requirements of subsections (A) and (B) of this section (below) are suspended until August 15, 2025 for licensed clinical social worker applicants.” 	