

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Clinical Social Workers and Independent Clinical Social Workers (216-RICR-40-05-7)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-40-05-7

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: January 13, 2023

End of Public Comment: February 13, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-39.1-5

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

Allows the first level of Social Work licensure (Clinical Social Workers or CSW) to NOT include take or pass the National Social Work Exam administered by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) for a specified time period.

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 February 13, 2023 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:

Indevelopment 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

Noalternative approach, duplication or overlap was identified based on availableinformation. RIDOH has determined that the benefits of the rule justify itscosts.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.