

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Licensing Clinical Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists (216-RICR-40-05-11)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-40-05-11

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: March 16, 2023

End of Public Comment: April 15, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-63.2

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

These regulations are being amended to add sections covering the requirements for licensure as an Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor and/or an Associate Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. These changes are in response to amendments to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-63.2 which created associate level licenses.

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 April 15, 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:

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.