

ONLINE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR REVIEW

Date: 05/09/2023

Regulation: 216-RICR-10-05-2

Title: Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (216-RICR-10-05-2)

Comments Pending Review

Comment ID: 12955-2632

Comment By: Scott Weissman **On:** 05/05/2023

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Comment:

Your fee structure seems unjustly high for genetic counselors compared to other allied health care professionals. Physician assistant is \$110, registered nurse fees is \$135, and AP registered nurse fees (without prescriptive authority) is \$80; genetic counselors do not prescribe. Please think about reducing the cost. High costs end up being prohibitive to getting licenses.

Comment ID: 12955-2633

Comment By: Esther Rose **On:** 05/08/2023

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I would like to request a reconsideration of the fee schedule for genetic counseling licensure. I am a genetic counselor who works for a telehealth company that operates across the US. As such, I have to be licensed in all states with genetic counseling licensure, so cost of each license can easily be a barrier to my ability to provide services in a given state. In addition, I see that the fee for genetic counseling licenses (both initial application and renewal) are significantly higher than other, allied healthcare professions. For example, physician assistant fees are \$110, registered nurse fees are \$135, and AP registered nurse fees (without prescriptive authority) are \$80. Please consider a reduction in fees, especially given the small size of your state. We want to be able to provide services for your population, but will be unlikely to do so if licensing fees create a barrier.