Rhode Island Department of Health

Termination of Pregnancy

216-RICR-20-10-6

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Background

In March 2023, the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) undertook a review of *Termination of Pregnancy* [216-RICR-20-10-6]. After completing this review, it was determined that the regulations should be repealed, as much of the text of the active regulation was no longer applicable to current practices. Additionally, all of the text that would have remained can be found in existing regulations. As a result, a repeal of these regulations was initiated by RIDOH.

Proposed Regulation

RIDOH proposes to repeal the entirety of *Termination of Pregnancy* [216-RICR-20-10-6], striking out all language in the current, active regulation and making the rule ineffective upon meeting all of the statutory requirements for filing.

Status Quo

If RIDOH does not repeal the existing regulations, the outdated procedures included in these regulations would remain in effect. By repealing these regulations, RIDOH is able to avoid any confusion regarding accepted practices as the procedures covered within the active regulation are no longer in use.

Benefits

The intent of this repeal is to increase clarity in the regulatory landscape and repealing these regulations would allow RIDOH to achieve this goal. The most notable benefit of this repeal is the clarification it will ultimately provide.

Costs

There are not any costs associated with this repeal. Because the provisions in the current, active rule are present in other regulations, the repeal will not have a negative impact on any stakeholders or parties who are in compliance with the current regulations.

Determination

Based on the information presented above, RIDOH has determined that the proposed repeal is the most effective option available and therefore, they will be presented as proposed.