

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants (216-RICR-40-05-13)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-40-05-13

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: October 4, 2023

End of Public Comment: November 3, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-40-5

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This regulation is being promulgated in response to a petition for rulemaking action and is proposing to add "Courses that have been presented, accepted, or approved by other state licensing boards of physical therapy" to the list of continuing education programs accepted by the Board.

The regulatory changes proposed in this filing are identical to the regulatory language currently in effect as of 08/01/2023. The effective version was originally noticed for public comment on 06/01/2023. During that public comment period, a technical error within the RICR system may have prevented comments submitted through RICR's attachment field from being received by the agency. Any comments submitted directly through RICR's text box option (with no attachments) or submitted directly to the agency were processed successfully.

As a result of the technical error, the agency is repromulgating the regulatory changes (effective as of 08/01/2023) to ensure that the public has full access to submit public comments as originally intended. The regulatory language included in this notice redlines changes made in the most recent promulgation. The agency is noticing these changes for additional public comment.

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 November 3, 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.