CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, the following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Rhode Island Department of Health

DIVISION: N/A

RULE IDENTIFIER: 216-RICR-40-05-36

RULE TITLE: Genetic Counselors

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) is proposing to adopt Genetic Counselors (216-RICR-40-05-36) in response to the passing of the Genetic Counselors Licensing Act (R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-92) which was enacted on June 29, 2022. According to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-92-5(2):"the Department shall have the following powers and duties…to promulgate regulations and adopt such rules as are necessary to regulate genetic counselors." Therefore, these regulations are being promulgated to regulate the practice of genetic counseling and to set the requirements for licensure as a genetic counselor in Rhode Island.

ANY FINDINGS REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREEQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: N/A

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: RIDOH did not receive any comments on the proposed rule.

CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF THE RULE: No changes are being made at this time.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

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.