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-40-10-12

RULE TITLE: Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Kidney Disease Treatment Centers

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) is proposing to revise § 12.5.8(C) of the Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Kidney Disease Treatment Centers (216-RICR-40-10-12) to align more closely with the Interpretive Guidelines of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"). CMS aligns the number, timing, and frequency of home visits with patients' individual needs.

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

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: No public comments were received.

CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF THE RULE: No changes have been made to the text of the regulation.

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.