

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Licensing Doctors of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
(216-RICR-40-05-8)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-40-05-8

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: December 6, 2023

End of Public Comment: January 5, 2024

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37.2-7(3)

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The Rhode Island Department of Health (“RIDOH”; “The Department”) is proposing to amend Licensing Doctors of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine [216-RICR-40-05-8] to address legislative changes to the licensing process for Doctors of Acupuncture and Doctors of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine. The proposed amendments to these regulations are based upon a statutory amendments to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-37.2.

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 January 5, 2024 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.