

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
CONCISE STATEMENT OF PROPOSED NON-TEHCNICAL AMENDMENTS  
(AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS)**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1.7(b)(8), the following is a concise statement of proposed non-technical amendments to *Licensing Home Nursing Care Providers and Home Care Providers (216-RICR-40-10-17)*

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• § 17.2 – Section removed</li> <li>• § 17.3(A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ (2)(c) – “Administrator” - Citation amended to cite 2022 version of regulation.</li> <li>○ (4) – “Attending clinician” – added “certified midwife” to this definition.</li> <li>○ (10) – “Department” – added definition for this term.</li> <li>○ (14) – “Health care facility” – revised definition to include “and podiatry ambulatory-surgery centers providing surgical treatment.”</li> <li>○ (17) – “Home care provider” – Revised to remove “and includes services rendered by a licensed health care professional, including, but not limited to, a speech pathologist/audiologist, physical, occupational, or respiratory therapist.”</li> <li>○ (18) – “Home nursing care provider” – Added “licensed” and “or therapeutic services provided by an applicable, licensed healthcare provider.”</li> <li>○ (30) – “Physician” – removed “or osteopathy.”</li> <li>○ (31) – “Physician assistant” – removed “and licensed in Rhode Island.”</li> <li>○ (32) and (33) – “R.I. Gen. Laws” and “Service(s) provided directly” – removed.</li> <li>○ (34) – “Therapeutic services” – added “but not limited to”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• § 17.4(E)(2) – Changed the name of the Division to ‘Center for Health Facilities.’</li> <li>• § 17.4.4 – Added “In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17-42,”</li> <li>• § 17.4.5 – Changed length of time required prior to voluntary cessation of any facility license that RIDOH must be informed from 30 days to 60 days.</li> <li>• § 17.5.1(B)(2) – Updated internal citations</li> <li>• § 17.5.1(C)(8) – Added “Maintenance of accreditation with a national accrediting body in order to maintain licensure in good standing.”</li> <li>• § 17.5.1(C)(7)(b) – Added “in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17-34.”</li> <li>• § 17.5.1(C)(8) – Added section reading "Maintenance of accreditation with a national accrediting body in order to maintain licensure in good standing."</li> <li>• § 17.5.1(G) – Section revised and new text was added.</li> <li>• § 17.5.2(C)(1)(f) – Updated division names within RIDOH</li> <li>• § 17.5.3(D) – Added "but not be limited to, infection control measures, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) general provisions,"</li> <li>• § 17.5.3(F) – Added “but not be limited to, infection control measures, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) general provisions,”</li> <li>• § 17.5.3(G)(9) – Added “Reference check prior to employment;”</li> <li>• § 17.5.3(H)(2) – Removed “professional (registered)” from reference to supervisor for homemaker services.</li> <li>• § 17.6.4 – Added section regarding Alzheimer’s Operations Plans</li> <li>• § 17.6.4(A)(5) and (6) – Sections removed</li> <li>• § 17.6.4(A)(7) – Added the word “executed.”</li> <li>• § 17.6.5(C) – Changed length of time providers are required to maintain records from 5 years to 7 years</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• § 17.8.1 – Corrected erroneous section numbering.</li> <li>• § 17.8.1(C)(5) – Added “Copies of the plan of care and the number of service hours scheduled shall be provided to the patient upon admission and as revised.”</li> <li>• § 17.8.2 – Moved section titled “Supervisor of Therapeutic Services.”</li> <li>• § 17.9.1(B)(1) – Removed requirement to submit request for variance via certified mail.</li> </ul>