

**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 *Licensing Assisted Living Residences (216-RICR-40-10-2)*

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Changed "registered" to "licensed" ○ Changed "clients" to "residents" • § 2.3(A)(8) and (10) – Revised names of Divisions within RIDOH to conform to current nomenclature. • § 2.3(A)(18) – Deleted definition for "Established resident" • § 2.3(A)(33) – Deleted "Furthermore, a new resident may receive daily therapy services and/or limited skilled nursing care services, as defined through these Regulations, from a Rhode Island licensed health care provider for a condition that results from a temporary illness or injury for up to forty-five (45) days subject to an extension of additional days as approved by the Department, or if the resident is under the care of a Rhode Island licensed hospice agency provided that assisted living residence assumes responsibility for ensuring that the care is received." • § 2.4.4 – Added section for Informal Dispute Resolution Process • § 2.4.5 – Changed "certified" to "licensed" in regards to Adult Day Cares • § 2.4.6(A)(1) – Deleted "Notwithstanding the requirements of § 2.4.5(A) of this Part, assisted living residences licensed for an “Alzheimer’s Dementia Special Care Unit or Program” prior to 1 June 2015 shall be in compliance with the requirements of §§ 2.4.5(B) through (E) of this Part not later than 1 July 2015." • § 2.4.6(A)(2) – Changed "on or after 1 June 2015 will be required to" to “must” • §§ 2.4.6(B) and (C) – Clarifying language added • § 2.4.7(D) – Changed "will" to "must" when referring to requirement of facility to respond to requests for information and/or status reports. • § 2.4.13(C), (E), and (F) – Changed "certified" to "licensed." • § 2.4.14(B)(2)(b)((1)) – Added language regarding non-discrimination. • § 2.4.16(G) – Extended length of time that licensees must retain resident records • § 2.4.18(K)(3) – Extended length of time that licensees must retain reporting records • § 2.4.20(D)(6) – Changed "nursing home" to "residence" • § 2.4.26(A)(3)(c) – Added "For the first three (3) months of employment, a licensed nurse designated by the health care facility, adult day care program, or assisted living residence, as appropriate, shall conduct and document monthly evaluations (in accordance with the evaluation checklist on the Department website) of a medication aide who administers medication. After the first three (3) months, the evaluation shall be conducted no less than quarterly. Copies of said evaluations shall be placed in the medication aides’ personnel records."

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • § 2.4.33(B)(2) – Deleted the phrase, “...in accordance with Department guidance.” • § 2.4.34(B)(4) – Removed "by certified mail" • § 2.4.34(C) – Added section regarding granting of variances from enforcement of provisions. • § 2.4.37 – Clarifying language added • §§ 2.6.2(K)(6) and (7) – Added requirement for facility to develop and maintain written procedures for "chronic, non-pressure related ulcers, such as venous stasis ulcers" and "in-dwelling Foley catheters" • § 2.6.2(N) – Changed "operate and provide services" to "be delivered" • § 2.6.2(R) – Added “must” • § 2.6.2(R)(5) – Added "In-dwelling Foley catheters" to list of areas in which staff may receive continuing education