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-20-20-3

RULE TITLE: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: RIDOH proposed the following amendments to these regulations:

- Removing the list of required information to be transmitted to RIDOH by a pharmacy and signposting to the statutory requirements;
- Adding the Medical Director of a practice as an individual authorized to access the information in the PDMP as required by the statute; and,
- Correcting minor drafting errors.

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 amendments.

CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF THE RULE: No changes were made to the text of the regulations after the public comment period.

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.