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: Healthcare Quality and Safety

RULE IDENTIFIER: 216-RICR-40-10-1

RULE TITLE: Licensing of Nursing Facilities

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: These regulations are being amended to align with the statutory language regarding reporting in § 1.15.5(A). Additionally, RIDOH has removed a reference to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-29 in § 1.15.4(N)(2). Other non-substantive changes were made.

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

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:

RIDOH received a comment providing recommended revisions to §§ 1.2(B), 1.3, and 1.17.3. RIDOH notes that these sections were not amended in the proposed regulation. Therefore, RIDOH is not accepting comments on these sections at this time.

CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF THE RULE: No additional changes are being made to the text of these regulations.

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.