

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-40-10-11

RULE TITLE: Licensing Hospice Care

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: Added “Additional health services or related services, ***including palliative care***, may be provided as may be deemed appropriate to meet patient/family needs and such services must be rendered in a manner consistent with acceptable standards of practice.”

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

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:

- RIDOH received a comment requesting revisions to the definition of “palliative care” in § 11.3(A)(20) and provided recommended wording for this definition. This comment is beyond the scope of the proposed regulation, as the definition of “palliative care” was not proposed for amendment. For this reason, no change to the text is being made.

CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF THE RULE: No additional changes are being made.

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.