

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Regional Health Information Organization and Health Information Exchange (216-RICR-10-10-6)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-10-10-6

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: September 25, 2025

End of Public Comment: October 25, 2025

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37.7-5

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

These amendments are seeking to:

- Remove "participant" language to reflect the change to no longer using an opt-in process individuals can choose to participate in,
- Make clarifying changes to the regulatory language,
- Ensure consistency with statutes,
- Introduce flexibility in certain areas to keep pace with industry standard practice,
- Establish requirements for research and analytics uses of HIE data, and
- Amend the requirements for membership on the HIE Advisory Committee.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until October 25, 2025 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

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.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.