

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Pharmacists, Pharmacies, and Manufacturers, Wholesalers, and Distributors (216-RICR-40-15-1)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-40-15-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: October 28, 2025

End of Public Comment: November 27, 2025

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-19.1-5(6)

R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-18-93(e)

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-25.6-7

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-19.2

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The Department is amending this rule to include the following:

- A pharmaceutical redistribution program utilizing donated drugs by January 1, 2023 as required by R.I. Pub. Law 22-402.
- Allowing licensed pharmacists to prescribe, dispense, and administer medications for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Preexposure (PrEP) and Post-exposure (PEP) Prophylaxis pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-18-93.
- Revisions to the Collaborative Practice Agreement policies
- Updates to wording regarding staffing requirements
- Updates to wording regarding compounding to reflect updates to the language in the USP

Revisions to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-19.1-11, 5-19.1-15, 5-19.1-16, and 5-19.1-20 which implements the following changes:

- Pharmacist licenses will be valid for a period of two years as R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-19.1-20 states that the renewal fee is to be paid biennially. RIDOH lengthened the licensing period to correspond to the change in the statute.
- Pharmacy intern licenses will be valid for a minimum of five years.
- Pharmacy technician licenses will be valid for a minimum of two years.

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 November 27, 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 staff person listed above.