

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CONCISE STATEMENT OF PROPOSED NON-TEHCNICAL AMENDMENTS
(AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS)**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.7(b)(8), the following is a concise statement of proposed non-technical amendments – *Licensing of Hospitals (216-RICR-40-10-4)*

Section	Rationale/Summary of Change
§ 4.6.17(B)(3)	<p>Revised language as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed “healthcare facilities” to “hospitals” • Changed “licensing agency” to “Director” • Changed “prompt” to “written” • Added “a labor dispute or action within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving notice of a proposed strike vote or any other communication from a labor union concerning a proposed,” • Changed “and” to “or” • Removed “disputes” • Changed “which would” to “that may” • Removed “including, but not limited to, strikes, walk-outs, and strike notices. Health care facilities shall provide a”
§ 4.6.17(B)(4)	<p>Added “Upon notice to the Director in accordance with § 4.6.17(B)(3) of this Part, the hospital shall submit within seventy-two (72) hours a strike”</p>
§§ 4.6.17(B)(5) and (6)	<p>Added:</p> <p>“5. Notwithstanding §§ 4.6.17(B)(3) and (4) of this Part, hospitals shall submit to the Director a strike contingency plan, acceptable to the Director, sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of any existing collective bargaining agreement.</p> <p>6. All documents, reports, and plans provided to the Director in accordance with §§ 4.6.17(B)(4) and (5) of this Part will be maintained by the Department as confidential pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-17-15 and 23-17-40 and may not be disclosed except upon an order of the Superior Court.”</p>