

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Licensure and Discipline of Physicians (216-RICR-40-05-1)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-40-05-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: March 2, 2026

End of Public Comment: April 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-1.4(5) and 5-19.2-3

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The Rhode Island Department of Health (“RIDOH”; “The Department”) is proposing to amend “Licensure and Discipline of Physicians” [216-RICR-40-05-1] to amend the definition of surgery to add “Notwithstanding the above, injection of the following medications and autologous plasma products for cosmetic purposes is not considered surgery: Onabotulinumtoxin A, hyaluronic acid, Platelet-Rich Fibrin, and Platelet-Rich Plasma.”

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 April 1, 2026 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.