



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
**Department of State | Office of the Secretary of State**  
**Nellie M. Gorbea, Secretary of State**

**Rules and Regulations Filing Form**

**1. Agency Name and Address**

**Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, Department of**  
 Barry Hall, 14 Harrington Rd., Cranston, RI 02920

**2. Title of Rule**

Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Behavioral Healthcare Organizations

**3. Statutory Source of Authority**

Rhode Island General Laws 40.1-24-1 et. seq.

**4. Concise Explanatory Statement - §42-35-2.6**

The Department is filing these Rules pursuant to RIGL 42-35-3(b) as emergency regulations to protect the health and safety of Rhode Islanders in response to the recent increase in overdose deaths due to narcotics. Amending Section 2.5 and adding Section 46.0 to the Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Behavioral Healthcare Organizations will provide additional treatment options for those individuals identified with opioid abuse and/or opioid dependence who receive services from licensed behavioral healthcare organizations. These amendments mandate coordination of care to improve treatment of the whole person, expand staff training and client education with regards to opioid overdose prevention, and ensure the distribution of naloxone when medically indicated and clinically appropriate. The Department's intent in promulgating these emergency regulations is to save lives.

**5. Type of Filing**

**Emergency Rules**

- A1. Emergency 120-day initial - §42-35-2.10  
 Adoption  
 Amendment of ERLID: 7341  
 Repeal of ERLID:

- A2. Emergency 60-day renewal - §42-35-2.10  
 Adoption  
 Amendment  
 Repeal

Indicate ERLID of 120-day initial:

**Brief Statement of Reason for Finding Imminent Peril §42-35-2.10:**

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Agency Head Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Governor/Governor's Designee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Final Rules**

- B1. Amendment - §42-35-3(a)       B2. Adoption - §42-35-3(a)       B3. Repeal - §42-35-3(a)  
 C. Technical Revision       D. Direct Final Rule - §42-35-2.11

If B1 or C, please indicate new, amended, deleted, or revised sections:

**6. Notice and Hearing Information**

Date of Public Notice - §42-35-2.8: Notice Not Required  
 Date of Public Hearing - §42-35-2.8: Hearing Not Required  
 End of Comment Period - §42-35-2.8 :

**7. Agency Additional Information - Web Page**

<http://www.bhddh.ri.gov>

**8. Certification**

*I hereby certify that the attached rules and regulations were adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (42-35) and that they are true copies of this Department, attest,*

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Name

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Title

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Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn before me

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_