



Rhode Island Department of Health
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Regulatory Agenda – 15 January 2012

Rules Promulgated 16 June 2011 through 15 January 2012:

	<i>Title of Regulation</i>	<i>Type of Filing</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>ERLID #</i>
1.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Rhode Island Cancer Registry [R23-12-CA]	Amendment	17 Oct 2011	6503
2.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Dentists, Dental Hygienists & Dental Assistants [R5-31-DHA]	Amendment	17 Oct 2011	6504
3.	Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Radiographers, Nuclear Medicine Technologists & Radiation Therapists [R5-68-RAD]	Amendment	17 Oct 2011	6514



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Expected Rule-making Activity 16 January 2012 - 15 June 2012:

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1.	Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses and Standards for the Approval of Basic Nursing Education Programs [R5-34-NUR/ED]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with current nursing education standards & practice, and general “housekeeping” amendments	RIGL Chapter 5-34	February 2012	Nurses, health care facilities, professional associations	Charles Alexandre, Chief, Board of Nursing, 401-222-5700 Charles.Alexandre@health.ri.gov
2.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Pharmacists, Pharmacies & Manufacturers, Wholesalers & Distributors [R5-19.1-PHAR]	Amendment	Modify regulations to address emerging issues in contemporary pharmacy practice	RIGL Chapter 5-19	February 2012	Licensees; consumers	Catherine Cordy, R.Ph., Chief Board of Pharmacy, 401-222-2837 Catherine.Cordy@health.ri.gov
3.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing or Holding Human Food [R21.27; 21-31; 23-1-GMP]	Adoption	Adopt minimum safety standards for manufacturing, packing or holding human food comparable to those established by U.S. FDA pursuant to 21 CFR 110	RIGL Chapters 21-27, 21-31 & 23-1	February 2012	Licensees; consumers	Ernest Julian, Ph.D. Chief, Office of Food Protection, 401-222-2749; Ernest.Julian@health.ri.gov
4.	Rules and Regulations Prescribing Minimum Standards for Processing, Storage and Transportation of Fish and Fishery Products [R21-27; 21-31; 23-1-FFP]	Amendment	Adopt minimum standards for assuring safety of fish and fishery products comparable to those established by U.S. FDA pursuant to 21 CFR 123	RIGL Chapters 21-27, 21-31 & 23-1	February 2012	Licensees; consumers	Ernest Julian, Ph.D. Chief, Office of Food Protection, 401-222-2749; Ernest.Julian@health.ri.gov



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5.	Rules and Regulations for School Health Programs (R16-21-SCHO)	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with statutory changes and general "housekeeping" amendments	RIGL Chapter 16-21	March 2012	Schools, school nurse-teachers, administrator	Rosemary Reilly-Chammat, Ed.D., Adolescent Health Manager, 401-222-5922 Rosemary.Reilly-Chammat@health.ri.gov
6.	Rules and Regulations for the Control of Radiation [R23-1.3-RAD]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements.	RIGL Chapter 23-1.3	March 2012	Licensees, health care facilities, professional associations	Raymond Rusin, Chief, Office of Facilities Regulation, 401-222-2566 Raymond.Rusin@health.ri.gov
7.	Rules and Regulations for Determination of Need for New Health Care Equipment and New Institutional Health Services [R23-15-CON]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with statutory changes and general "housekeeping" amendments	RIGL Chapter 23-15	March 2012	Health care facilities, health care providers, attorneys, advocates	Michael K. Dexter, Chief, Office of Health Systems Development, 401-222-2788 Michael.Dexter@health.ri.gov
8.	Rules and Regulations for Bottled Water	Amendment	Adopt minimum standards for assuring safety of bottled water comparable to those established by U.S. FDA pursuant to 21 CFR 129	RIGL Chapter	March 2012	Licensees, consumers	June Swallow, PE, Chief, Office of Drinking Water Quality, 401-222-6867 June.Swallow@health.ri.gov
9.	Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services [R23-4.1-EMS]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with statutory changes and current "standard of care" & practices	RIGL Chapter 23-4.1	April 2012	Licensees, health care facilities,	Jason Rhodes, Chief, EMS, 401-222-2401 jason.rhodes@health.ri.gov



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10.	FY-2011 State Plan of Operations and Administration of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC and Farmers' Market Services)	Amendment	Annual updates required by Federal grants which support the program	RIGL Chapter 23-13	April 2012	WIC clients & vendors	Ann Barone, Chief, WIC Program 401-222-5960 Ann.Barone@health.ri.gov
11.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases [R23-1-IMM]	Amendment	Adopt standards pertaining to requirements for immunizations in accordance with most current CDC guidance	RIGL Chapter 23-1	April 2012	Health care providers, school nurse-teachers	Patricia Raymond, RN, MPH, Chief, Immunization Program, 401-222-5960 Patricia.Raymond@health.ri.gov
12.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases for Students Entering Colleges or Universities	Amendment	Adopt standards pertaining to requirements for immunizations in accordance with most current CDC guidance	RIGL Chapter 23-1	April 2012	Health care providers, school nurse-teachers	Patricia Raymond, RN, MPH, Chief, Immunization Program, 401-222-5960 Patricia.Raymond@health.ri.gov
13.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization, Testing, and Health Screening for Health Care Workers	Amendment	Adopt standards pertaining to requirements for immunizations in accordance with most current CDC guidance	RIGL Chapter 23-17	April 2012	Health care providers, health care facilities,	Patricia Raymond, RN, MPH, Chief, Immunization Program, 401-222-5960 Patricia.Raymond@health.ri.gov



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14.	Rules and Regulations for Licensing Speech Pathologists & Audiologists (R5-48-SPA)	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with current “standard of care” & practices	RIGL Chapter 5-48	May 2012	Licensees; professional associations	Mike Simoli, (Acting) Health Program Administrator, Office of Health Professions Regulation, 401-222-2828 Mike.Simoli@health.ri.gov
15.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Rhode Island All-Payer Claims Database [R23-17.17-RIAPCD]	Adoption	Implement provisions of RIGL Chapter 23-17.17 including details and format for the RI All-Payer Claims Database (RIAPCD)	RIGL Chapter 23-17	May 2012	Health care providers, consumers	Melinda Thomas Senior Policy Advisor 401-222-1625 melinda.thomas@health.ri.gov
16.	Rules and Regulations for Certifying Analytical Laboratories [R23-16.2-A/LAB]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with statutory changes and general “housekeeping” amendments	RIGL Chapter 23-16.2	May 2012	Licensees; consumers, professional associations	Ewa King, Ph.D. Associate Director State Health Laboratories 401-222-1999 Ewa.King@health.ri.gov
17.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Fee Structure for Testing Private Well Drinking Water and Other Media for Substances of Public Health Concern [R23-1-5.1-PW]	Amendment	Updating fee structure for Private Well Program and related testing available to the public at the State Health Laboratory.	RIGL Chapter 23-1-5.1	May 2012	Consumers; consultants; real estate agents	Ewa King, Ph.D. Associate Director State Health Laboratories 401-222-1999 Ewa.King@health.ri.gov
18.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Fee Structure for Clinical Laboratory Services Provided by the Department of Health Laboratory [R23-1-3-FFS]	Amendment	Updating fee structure for Private Well Program and related testing available to the public at the State Health Laboratory	RIGL Chapter 23-1-3	May 2012	Consumers; health care providers	Ewa King, Ph.D. Associate Director State Health Laboratories 401-222-1999 Ewa.King@health.ri.gov



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19.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining To Public Drinking Water [R46-13-DWQ]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with federal EPA drinking water standards	RIGL Chapter 46-13	May 2012	Public drinking water authorities; consumers	June Swallow, PE, Chief, Office of Drinking Water Quality, 401-222-6867 June.Swallow@health.ri.gov
20.	Rules and Regulations for Licensing Swimming and Wading Pools, Hot Tubs and Spas [R23-22-SWI/H&S]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with current industry standards & practices	RIGL Chapter 23-22	May 2012	Pool/spa owners; consumers	June Swallow, PE, Chief, Office of Drinking Water Quality, 401-222-6867 June.Swallow@health.ri.gov
21.	Rules and Regulations Governing Vital Statistics [R23-3-VS]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with statutory changes and general “housekeeping” amendments	RIGL Chapter 23-3	May 2012	Local registrars; consumers	Colleen Fontana, State Registrar, Office of Vital Records, 401-222-2811 Colleen.Fontana@health.ri.gov
22.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Reporting of Communicable, Environmental, and Occupational Diseases [RR23-10-DIS]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with federal CDC requirements and general “housekeeping” amendments	RIGL Chapter 23-10	May 2012	Health professionals, health care facilities	Utpala Bandyopadhyay, MD, State Epidemiologist, 401-222-2432 Utpala.Bandy@health.ri.gov
23.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Processing and Distribution of Shellfish [R21-14-SB]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with federal FDA requirements and general “housekeeping” amendments	RIGL Chapter 21-14	May 2012	Shellfish producers & processors	Ernest Julian, Ph.D. Chief, Office of Food Protection, 401-222-2749 Ernest.Julian@health.ri.gov
24.	Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Nursing Facilities [R23-17-NF]	Amendment	Revise regulations to allow for a “culture change” approach in nursing facilities	RIGL Chapter 23-17	June 2012	Licenses; consumers	Raymond Rusin, Chief, Office of Facilities Regulation, 401-222-2566 Raymond.Rusin@health.ri.gov



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25.	Rules and Regulations for Licensing Assisted Living Residences [R23-17.4-ALR]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with statutory changes	RIGL Chapter 23-17.4	June 2012	Licensees; consumers	Raymond Rusin, Chief, Office of Facilities Regulation, 401-222-2566 Raymond.Rusin@health.ri.gov
26.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Certification of Public Drinking Water Supply Treatment and Public Water Supply Transmission and Distribution Operators [R23-65-DWQ]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with current industry standards & practices	RIGL Chapter 23-65	June 2012	Public drinking water authorities; consumers	June Swallow, PE, Chief, Office of Drinking Water Quality, 401-222-6867 June.Swallow@health.ri.gov
27.	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Embalmers, Funeral Directors & Funeral Service Establishments [R5-33.2-EMB]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with statutory changes	RIGL Chapter 5-33.2	June 2012	Licensees; consumers	Mike Simoli, (Acting) Health Program Administrator, Office of Health Professions Regulation, 401-222-2828 Mike.Simoli@health.ri.gov



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28.	Rules and Regulations for Asbestos Control [R23-24.5-ASB]	Amendment	Bring regulations into conformity with federal EPA requirements and general "housekeeping" amendments	RIGL Chapter 23-24.5	June 2012	Licensees; consumers	Robert Vanderslice, Ph.D., Team Leader, Healthy Environment Team, 401-222-7766 Robert.Vanderslice@health.ri.gov
29.	<i>Emergency Licensing of Health Professionals¹</i>	Adoption	Adopt regulations for emergency licensing of health professionals	RIGL §23-1-17	June 2012	Licensees; professional associations	Mike Simoli, (Acting) Health Program Administrator, Office of Health Professions Regulation, 401-222-2828 Mike.Simoli@health.ri.gov

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¹ Working title for a new requirement enacted during 2010 General Assembly session. Official title will be designated with initial filing of these regulations.