

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

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Title of Rule:** Administration of Anesthetic Agents for Sedation

**Rule Identifier:** 216-RICR-40-05-37

**Rulemaking Action:** Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: April 16, 2026

Hearing Date: May 14, 2026

End of Public Comment: May 16, 2026

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-7(1)

R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-1.3(1)

**Advance Notice Details:**

The Rhode Island Department of Health is proposing to adopt these regulations for the purpose of defining prevailing standards for use of anesthetic agents for moderate sedation in Rhode Island.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until May 16, 2026 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Zachary Garceau  
Department of Health  
3 Capitol Hill  
Room 403  
Providence, RI 02908

**Public Hearing:**

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed adoption shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

**Public Hearing Information:**

Date: May 14, 2026

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Department of Administration Building  
One Capitol Hill  
Conference Room 2A  
Providence, RI, 02908

The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and, therefore, the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer in order to comply with safety and fire codes.