

Attachment 1: Economic Impact Statement Template for Existing Regulations

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

Agency submitting regulation: Department of Children, Youth and Families

Subject matter of regulation: Sexual Abuse Specific Treatment for DCYF Involved Youth Practice Standards

ERLID No: 7678 (Supersedes #6334)

Statutory authority: 42-72-5

Other agencies affected: RI Department of Health

Other regulations that may duplicate or conflict with the regulation: None

Describe the scope and objectives of the regulation: This rule establishes practice standards to assist sexual abuse specific treatment providers in assessment, evaluation and implementation of services and supports for DCYF involved youth, and creates guidelines for the education and training of treatment providers.

What was the rationale for establishing this regulation? The Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families partnered with families and stakeholders, including private treatment agencies and victim advocates, to develop and implement comprehensive standards for the treatment of youth involved with the Department who have exhibited sexually abusive behaviors or have been affected by sexual abuse. Regulations proceed from the Requirements of RI General Law, Federal Law, RI Supreme Court Decisions, Family Court Rules and /or federal regulation (including, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 [PL 109-248]).

Does the rationale still exist? Yes.

Is the rationale still relevant? Yes.

Business industry (s) affected by the regulation: Behavioral Health.

Types of businesses included in the industry (s):

DCYF Approved Sexual Abuse Treatment Specialists, including:

- Rhode Island State licensed psychiatrist;
- Rhode Island State licensed psychologist;
- Rhode Island State licensed clinical social worker
- Rhode Island State licensed independent clinical social worker
- Rhode Island registered nurse who possesses a master's degree in nursing (provide documentation of Master's degree along with state registration);
- Rhode Island State licensed marriage and family therapist;
- Rhode Island State licensed mental health counselor.
- Mental health agencies/clinics

Total number of small businesses included in the regulated industry(s): Approximately 75.

Number of small businesses potentially subject to the proposed regulation: Approximately 75.

How often do small businesses contact your agency for assistance with clarification of the regulation and/or receive assistance with compliance issues? 2-3 times per week.

What is the cost to your agency of establishing and enforcing this regulation? No new costs.

What would the consequences be if the regulation did not exist? A lack of a standard for practice for the treatment of youth affected by sexual abuse and youth who exhibit sexually abusive behavior and who are involved with the Department.

Effective date used in cost estimate: 10/25/13

1.	Yes	No X	Do small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
2.	Yes	No X	Do small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
3.	Yes	No X	Do small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
4.	Yes	No X	Do small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
5.	Yes	No X	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
6.	Yes	No X	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
7.	Yes	No X	Are performance standards more appropriate than design standards?
8.	Yes	No X	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities?

9.	Yes	No X	Does the regulation have the effect of creating additional taxes and/or fees for small businesses?
10.	Yes	No X	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
11.	Yes	No X	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in RI?
12.	Yes	No X	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in RI?
13.	Yes	No X	Can the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
14.	Yes	No X	Can the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
15.	Yes	No X	Can the compliance or reporting requirements be consolidated or simplified for small businesses?
16.	Yes	No X	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards?
17.	Yes	No X	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?
18.	Yes X	No	Have any small businesses or small business organizations been contacted during the preparation of this document? If so, please describe. Providers participated in the development of these Practice Standards.