Practice Transformation: A Practical Roadmap

Provided by **Elaine C. Jones, MD**, President of the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS), welcomed more than 60 physicians and healthcare professionals to a workshop on Practice Transformation: A Practical Roadmap held Oct. 5 at Brown University. It was sponsored by RIMS and the Alpert Medical School in collaboration with the Office of Lt. Gov. Elizabeth H. Roberts.

Those present heard medical and legal colleagues discuss the shifting landscape of medicine in the Affordable Care Act era to better understand how to respond to changes in the practice environment in the emerging “Obamacare” world.

The session provided insights and guidance from three expert panels: physicians who are already making the shift in their practices from fee-for-service payment to value-based payment; from insurers who are entering into new payment arrangements with providers; and from attorneys who specialize in helping physicians navigate these complex waters.
The Rhode Island Medical Society delivers valuable member benefits that help physicians, residents, medical students, physician assistants, and retired practitioners every single day. As a member, you can take an active role in shaping a better health care future.

RIMS offers discounts for group membership, spouses, military, and those beginning their practices. Medical students can join for free.

**RIMS membership benefits include:**

- Discounts on career management resources
- Insurance, collections, medical banking, and document shredding services
- Discounts on Continuing Medical Education
- InReach online CME program discounts; RIMS is an ACCME accrediting agency
- Powerful advocacy at every level
  - Advantages include representation, advocacy, leadership opportunities, and referrals
- Complimentary subscriptions
  - Publications include Rhode Island Medical Journal, Rhode Island Medical News, annual Directory of Members; RIMS members have library privileges at Brown University

**Member Portal on www.rimed.org**

- Password access to pay dues, access contact information for colleagues and RIMS leadership, RSVP to RIMS events, and share your thoughts with colleagues and RIMS

**SPECIAL NOTICE: 2014 AMA DUES PAYMENTS**

The American Medical Association (AMA) will direct bill its Rhode Island members for their 2014 dues. Beginning August 2013, AMA members will receive a separate dues statement from the AMA instead of paying AMA membership dues through the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) membership invoice. This is simply an operational change so that both RIMS and AMA can concentrate on their respective member satisfaction. There remains no requirement for RIMS members to join the AMA.

Please let us know if you have questions concerning this change by emailing Megan Turcotte or phoning 401-331-3207.