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EAST PROVIDENCE – As the newly installed 156th president of the Rhode Island Medical Society, Dr. Peter Karczmar had a surprise for the RIMS members assembled at the Society’s annual meeting held at the Squantum Association on September 27. He announced that effective October 1, RIMS entered into a strategic partnership with Coverys, the 30-year-old medical liability insurance giant headquartered in Boston. Dr. Karczmar then introduced Gregg Hanson, the chief executive officer of Coverys, who was present along with company vice presidents.

Coverys is the dominant insurer of physicians and surgeons in Rhode Island, and the eighth largest medical liability insurer in the nation. It protects more than 25,000 physicians, dentists and other health professionals as well as 500-plus hospitals, health centers and clinics in 27 states. It is rated A (“excellent”) by A.M. Best. The company writes over $360 million in premiums, has net assets of $3.4 billion, and maintained a policyholder surplus of $1.4 billion as of the end of last year. Member companies include Medical Professional Mutual Insurance Company (“ProMutual”) and the ProSelect Insurance Company.

Coverys and RIMS have pledged to combine and coordinate their complementary strengths for the purpose of enhancing patient safety. The two organizations share the conviction that safety is fundamental to promoting and maintaining the kind of professional liability environment that everyone wants for Rhode Island: one that is stable and responsive to the needs of the medical profession and the public. RIMS and Coverys are uniquely positioned to support each other in this endeavor.

Key elements of the new collaboration will be peer review, risk management and continuing education. RIMS’ peer review prowess is well established, particularly in the highly sensitive and all-important area of physician health. In addition, RIMS is recognized by the American Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) as the agency responsible for accrediting the CME programs of all the hospitals within the state of Rhode Island. RIMS has been a consistent star nationally in earning an unbroken string of long-term recognitions from the ACCME.

For its part, Coverys is one of a tiny number of medical professional liability insurers that have devoted the necessary and substantial resources to gaining and maintaining full accreditation by the ACCME as a source of Category 1 CME credits for physicians. RIMS regards this extraordinary commitment to CME as particularly meaningful and praiseworthy in an insurance company. Of course, medical peer review and continuing medical education, each in its own way, provide targeted risk management and serve to enhance quality and safety.

RIMS has also agreed to advise Coverys and offer the company additional eyes and ears focused on the evolving insurance market, the medical practice environment and the medical liability climate, as each of these is affected by legislative, regulatory, judicial, economic, demographic and political developments in the Ocean State. In recognition of their strong relationship and mutual support, RIMS and Coverys will also engage in joint marketing.

The Rhode Island Medical Society Insurance Brokerage Corporation (RIMS-IBC) is proud to have been appointed as an agent for Coverys two years ago. The RIMS-IBC is a full-service agency that specializes in medical professional liability. Depending on individual circumstances and needs, the RIMS-IBC can place physicians with a variety of strong liability carriers. Robert A. Anderson, Jr., director of the IBC, can be reached at 401-272-1050. More information is available at www.rimed.org/rims-ibc.asp.
Peter Karczmar, MD, was inaugurated as the 156th president of the Rhode Island Medical Society at its annual meeting held on Sept. 27 at the historic Squantum Association in East Providence.

The inaugural Dr. John Clarke Award will be presented to Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Roberts this month. The award was established in 2014 to recognize individuals who have made exceptional contributions to public life through outstanding civic leadership and service.

Outgoing RIMS President Elaine C. Jones, MD, at left, introduced Yul Ejnes, MD, MACP, the recipient of the Dr. Charles L. Hill Award. Established in 1981, this award recognizes a RIMS member physician for leadership and service.

The Dr. Herbert Rakatansky Award for exemplary professionalism and humanitarian service in the field of medicine was given to the late Dr. Milton Hamolsky. Receiving the honor was his widow, Sandra Hamolsky, RN.
Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

**September 2, Tuesday**
RIMS Physician Health Committee
(Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair)

**September 3, Wednesday**
Phone interview with MACPAC (CMS) study on primary care payment increase, RIMS Staff
Health Professions Loan Repayment Awards ceremony, Governor’s State Room, RIMS Staff

**September 5, Friday**
Tobacco Free Rhode Island Annual Policy Priorities meeting, RIMS Staff

**September 8, Monday**
Department of Health Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline public hearing on proposed regulations regarding physician “volunteer” license, RIMS Staff
Department of Health Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline public hearing on proposed regulations regarding changes to prescription drug monitoring program, RIMS Staff

**September 10, Wednesday**
BMLD Meeting, RIMS Staff

**September 11, Thursday**
Meeting with Dept. of Health regarding Ebola, RIMS Staff
HealthSource RI Advisory Committee, RIMS Staff
OHIC Health Insurance Advisory Committee meeting, RIMS Staff

**September 18–19, Thursday-Friday**
American Medical Political Action Committee (AMPAC) Federation Meeting, Capitol Hill visits, Michael Migliori, MD, AMPAC Board Member, Chair, Public Laws Committee; and RIMS Staff

**September 19, Friday**
Governor’s Task Force on Drug Overdose, Michael Fine, MD, DOH, Craig Stenning, BHDDH; RIMS Staff

**September 20, Saturday**
Council NE State Medical Societies and NE Delegation to the AMA House of Delegates meeting, Waltham; Peter Hollmann, MD, RIMS AMA Delegate; and Staff

**September 23, Tuesday**
RI Quality Institute CurrentCare Viewer Demonstration and Training, RIMS Staff

**September 24, Wednesday**
Department of Health Ebola meeting, RIMS Staff
RI Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons (RISEPS) and RIMS-IBC Medical Professional Liability Program; Robert A. Anderson, Jr., Director, RIMS-IBC and Staff

**September 25, Thursday**
Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Coalition Meeting, RIMS Staff
Meeting with Laura Adams, President/CEO, RI Quality Institute, and RIMS Staff
Department of Health, Health Services Council, RIMS Staff
Conference call with AMA, RIMS Staff

**September 26, Friday**
Meeting with Executive Director of HealthRight, RIMS Staff
Laura Adams, President/CEO, RI Quality Institute, and RIMS Staff

**September 27, Saturday**
RI Quality Institute CurrentCare Viewer Demonstration and Training, RIMS Staff

**September 29, Monday**
Meeting with Health in Evolution: physician billing and software support; Jerry Fingerut, MD, past Treasurer and Membership Committee; Edwina Rego, Practice Manager, RI Hospital Department of Ophthalmology, RIMS Staff

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**RIMWA EDUCATIONAL EVENT: Dr. Elise M. Coletta Annual Lecture**

**Blinded by the Light**
Lynn E. Iler, MD
Dermatology Professionals, Inc, E. Greenwich

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
6:00 pm Reception
6:30 pm Presentation and Dinner
Chapel Grille, 3000 Chapel View Boulevard, Cranston
*Members and guests welcome*

**Invitation/Reservation Form**
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.

Why You Should Join the Rhode Island Medical Society

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.
More time caring for patients.
Less time worrying about finances.

We know there are two sides to your business: Health care and managing finances. It’s not an easy balance. That’s why we have a team of business bankers dedicated to health care practices like yours. Whether you need to finance new technology or streamline your day to day banking, they’ll know exactly what you need to get the job done. So you can spend more time caring for patients and less time managing finances.

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