It’s a new day.

The Rhode Island Medical Society now endorses Coverys.

Coverys, the leading medical liability insurer in Rhode Island, has joined forces with RIMS to target new levels of patient safety and physician security while maintaining competitive rates. Call to learn how our alliance means a bright new day for your practice.

401-331-3207
RIMS and Coverys announce new partnership

In October 2014, the Medical Society entered into a new strategic partnership with Coverys, the 40 year-old medical liability insurance giant headquartered in Boston.

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 ACCME.

For its part, Coverys is one of a tiny number of medical professional 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 to 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.

Coverys is the sixth largest medical liability insurer in the nation. It protects more than 32,000 physicians, dentists and other health professionals nationally, as well as over 500 hospitals, health centers and clinics. It is rated A (“excellent”) by A.M. Best. It writes over $400 million in premium, has net assets of $3.5 billion, and maintained a policyholder surplus of $1.5 billion as of the end of last year. Member companies include Medical Professional Mutual Insurance Company (“ProMutual”) and the ProSelect Insurance Company.

Coverys is the dominant insurer of physicians and surgeons in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Medical Society Insurance Brokerage Corporation (RIMS-IBC) is proud to have been appointed as an agent for Coverys three years ago. The RIMS-IBC is a full-service agency that specializes in medical professional liability.

Robert A. Anderson, Jr, Director of the IBC, can be reached at 401-272-1050.
SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 26
The new tradition continues. Members are invited to schmooze, graze, and relax with colleagues at Agawam Hunt during the day and at the Save The Bay Center in the evening.

HOW DO YOU SWING?
Whether you prefer a golf club or tennis racquet, come play at Agawam Hunt in Rumford. Starting at 10am Reserve your tee time or court now, contact Steve DeToy.

EAT, DRINK, BE CHUMMY
Nosh and mingle waterside at the Save the Bay Center in Providence. Entertainment by The Bebop Docs 6:30pm

RIMS 204TH ANNUAL MEETING
Inauguration of Officers and Presentations
Dr. Charles L. Hill Award
Dr. Herbert Rakatansky Award
Dr. John Clarke Award
Dr. Stanley M. Aronson Award

WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATION LATER THIS SUMMER!
Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

June 1, Monday
- Reinventing Medicaid Task Force
- Speaker Mattiello Fundraiser
- Council Meeting, Health Director
- Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH, special guest and presenter

June 2, Tuesday
- Physician Health Committee, Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
- Meeting with Purdue PhRMA regarding legislation
- Workers Comp Fee Schedule
- Task Force Meeting
- Legislative Hearings

June 3, Wednesday
- Childhood Obesity Prevention at Heart Association
- Meeting with BMLD regarding proposed physician regulations
- Meeting with Chairman McNamara regarding legislation
- Legislative Hearings
- Sen. Ottiano Fundraiser

June 4, Thursday
- Meeting with Good Samaritan Coalition
- Meeting with Chairman Miller and Senate staff regarding legislation
- Legislative Hearings

June 5, Friday–June 9, Tuesday
- AMA House of Delegates Meeting, Peter Karczmar, MD; Alyn L. Adrain, MD; Peter A. Hollmann, MD; and RIMS staff attending

June 8, Monday
- Chairman Kennedy fundraiser, Michael Migliori, MD, Chair, RIMS
- Public Laws Committee attending

June 10, Wednesday
- Legislative hearings

June 11, Thursday
- Meeting with Good Samaritan Coalition
- Meeting with Chairman McCaffrey regarding Good Samaritan legislation
- Legislative hearings

June 15, Monday
- Meeting with Pfizer regarding legislation
- Meeting with alliance of YMCAs of Rhode Island regarding legislation
- Conference call with Good Samaritan coalition

June 16, Tuesday
- Meeting at Rhode Island Blood Center regarding potential relocation of RIMS office
- Conference call with American Association of Medical Society Executives regarding RIMS presentation on membership development at annual meeting
- Legislative hearings

June 17, Wednesday
- Primary Care Physicians Advisory Committee meeting at DOH
- Health Professional Student Loan Repayment Program board meeting at DOH
- Conference call with Good Samaritan coalition
- Legislative hearings

June 18, Thursday
- SIM Steering Committee meeting, Peter A. Hollmann, MD, and RIMS staff
- Legislative hearings

June 19, Friday
- Lifespan new residents orientation, Rhode Island Hospital, RIMS staff attending

June 22, Monday
- Senator Reed, Governor Raimondo, Roundtable Discussion regarding drug overdose
- Meeting with Health Insurance Commissioner regarding physician reimbursement
- Legislative hearings
- Finance Committee meeting
- RIMS/Baystate Financial welcome reception for new Lifespan residents

June 23, Tuesday
- Legislative hearings
- Conference Call with the RIMS Group Membership Taskforce
- Health Professional Student Loan Repayment Program awards ceremony

June 24, Wednesday
- Legislative hearings

June 25, Thursday
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition
- Meeting with Health Insurance Commissioner
- Legislative hearings
RIMS gratefully acknowledges the practices who participate in our discounted Group Membership Program.
Why You Should Join the Rhode Island Medical Society

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:

- Career management resources
- Insurance, medical banking, document shredding, collections, real estate services, and financial planning
- 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