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.
SECOND ANNUAL RIMS MEMBERS

CONVIVIUM

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!
We are past the SGR hurdle. The path is clear for what’s next.

With the leadership of the AMA, the nation stepped into a new era for health care by eliminating Medicare’s sustainable growth rate (SGR).

The AMA is proud to help physicians build a forward-looking health care system that puts patients first—a system that provides cost-effective care with outstanding health outcomes in a dynamic practice environment.

Learn more at ahealthiernation.org.
Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

July 1, Wednesday
Health Care Planning and Accountability Advisory Committee
Good Samaritan Rally, State House

July 6, Monday
Fellows Orientation, Lifespan; RIMS staff attending

July 7, Tuesday
Physician Health Committee, Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
Health Professional Student Loan Repayment Program board meeting at DOH
Meeting with UnitedHealthcare

July 8, Wednesday
AMA Conference Call
Reinvent Medicaid meeting, Rhode Island Foundation

July 8, Wednesday
AMA Conference Call

July 9, Thursday
Meeting with John Snow, Inc. regarding potential reimbursement survey

July 13, Monday
Meeting with Brian Clyne, MD, Alpert Medical School, regarding leadership in health care curriculum
Board of Directors meeting

July 15, Wednesday
RIMS Insurance Brokerage Corporation Board of Directors meeting

July 22–July 25, Wednesday–Friday
American Association of Medical Society Executives (AAMSE) Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon; RIMS’ Steve DeToy and Megan Turcotte, presenters

July 27, Monday
Meeting, Department of Health, stimulant prescribing guidelines

July 29, Wednesday
SIM Quality Measures Alignment Workgroup, Peter Hollmann, MD, and Staff

RIMS announces 2015–16 slate of officers and 2015 award recipients

On September 26, 2015, at its 204th Annual Meeting (see page 44), RIMS will inaugurate the following slate of officers for the 2015–16 term:

Russell A. Settipane, MD
Sarah J. Fessler, MD
Bradley J. Collins, MD
Christine Brousseau, MD
Jose R. Polanco, MD

Russell A. Settipane, MD, will be take office as the 157th President of RIMS on September 26.

At the same event, RIMS will present its annual awards to the following recipients.

Peter A. Hollmann, MD
THE DR. CHARLES L. HILL AWARD
Recognizes a RIMS member physician for leadership and service

Charles B. “Bud” Kahn, MD
THE DR. HERBERT RAKATANSKY AWARD
Recognizes individuals distinguished through exemplary professionalism and/or humanitarian service in medicine

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse, United States Senate
THE DR. JOHN CLARKE AWARD
Given to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to public life through outstanding civic leadership and service

Herbert Rakatansky, MD
THE DR. STANLEY M. ARONSON AWARD (inaugural presentation)
Recipients of the RIMS Aronson Award are individuals who have distinguished themselves in one or more areas of Dr. Aronson’s rich legacy as an educator, visionary, scholar, public intellectual and prolific writer. Dr. Aronson is remembered as having taught that medicine is the most scientific of the humanities and the most human of the sciences.
RIMS gratefully acknowledges the practices who participate in our discounted Group Membership Program

For more information about group rates, please contact Megan Turcotte, RIMS Director of Member Services
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