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.

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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

October 2, Friday
Administrative Simplification Task Force: Office of the RI Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC)

October 5, Tuesday
RI Community Health Centers Association Annual Meeting
Certified Diabetes Outpatient Educator licensing: Healthcentric Advisors

October 6, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
RIMS headquarters relocation. New address: 405 Promenade Street, Suite A, Providence RI 02908

October 7, Wednesday
State Innovation Model (SIM) Measurement Harmonization Working Committee: Peter A. Hollmann, MD, and RIMS staff
Governor’s Working Group for Healthcare Innovation

October 8, Thursday
Physician Assistants’ Week observances: RI Academy of Physician Assistants

October 13 Tuesday
Governor’s Working Group for Healthcare Innovation: Spending Cap Subgroup, RI State House

October 14, Wednesday
RI Quality Institute Board of Directors
Governor’s Overdose Prevention & Intervention Task Force: Josiah Rich, MD, Chair; RI Dept. of Administration
Special Legislative Commission to study the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, Rep. Michael Chippendale, Chair; RI State House

October 15, Thursday
Administrative Simplification Work Group: Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC)
State Innovation Model (SIM) Steering Committee: Hewlett-Packard Co., Warwick
Alliance for Healthy RI: obesity prevention legislation

October 19, Monday
Groundbreakings at Roger Williams Medical Center and Fatima Hospital

October 20, Tuesday
RI Public Health Association Annual Meeting: Chelo, Warwick

October 21, Wednesday
RI Medical Society Insurance Brokerage Corp. Board of Directors: Peter Hollmann, MD, President & Chair

October 23, Friday
US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, former CMS Administrator Dr. Donald Berwick, Coastal Medical ACO: press conference and panel. Providence Hilton

October 25-26, Sunday and Monday
American College of Emergency Physicians Annual Scientific Assembly, Boston, MA

October 26, Monday
RIMS Board of Directors, RIMS Offices, Providence

October 27, Tuesday
Governor’s Working Group for Healthcare Innovation: Provider Advisory Committee; EOHSS Secretary Elizabeth Roberts, Chair; Health Director Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH, guest; RIMS offices
RI Drug Policy Alliance: draft recommendations of Governor’s Overdose Prevention and Intervention Taskforce

October 29, Thursday
RI Coalition for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery, Steve DeToy, Chair

October 30, Friday
Administrative Simplification (OHIC) and Measurement Harmonization Subgroup (SIM)
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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.

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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