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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.

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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.

RIMS-IBC

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

Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

November 2, Monday

Meeting with Senior Medical Directors, Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI; Russell Settipane, MD; Sarah Fessler, MD; and Staff

Meeting with Director, Department of Health; Russell Settipane, MD; Sarah Fessler, MD; and Staff

November 3, Tuesday

RIMS Physician Health Committee; Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair

November 4, Wednesday

Governor's Overdose Prevention & Intervention Task Force: Josiah Rich, MD, Chair

Legislative Commission on Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline

Governor's Working Group for Healthcare Innovation

RIMS Membership Committee Meeting; Elaine Jones, MD; Diane Siedlecki, MD; Co-chairs

November 5, Thursday

Meeting with American Heart Association, RI Chapter

RI Foundation Community Conversation regarding health care

November 6, Friday

AMA Policy Finder Beta Test

November 10, Tuesday

Governor's Working Group for Healthcare Innovation Subcommittee on health care spending target

Department of Human Services Medicaid Waiver for STOP (Sobering Treatment Opportunities Program; Otis Warren, MD, testifying)

November 11, Wednesday

Veterans Day

November 12, Thursday

Providence Journal Bulletin event, "The Publick Occurrences," Pablo Rodriguez, MD, Panelist

November 13, Friday–November 17, Tuesday

AMA Interim Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia; Peter Hollmann, MD; Alyn Adrain, MD; Barry Wall, MD; and Staff attending

November 18, Wednesday

Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee-Department of Health

Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline

Health Care Planning and Affordability Advisory Committee

Meeting with Secretary Elizabeth Roberts, Executive Office of Health and Human Services

November 19, Thursday

Administrative Simplification Task Force

Senator Satchell Fundraiser

November 20, Friday

Alpert Medical School Students Seminar on Civic Involvement

November 23, Monday

State Innovation Model (SIM) Measurement Harmonization Subgroup; Peter Hollmann, MD

Recovery Works Committee Meeting

November 25, Wednesday

Administrative Simplification Task Force

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