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.

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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.
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

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
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).

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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