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The Rhode Island Medical Society now endorses Coverys.

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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

January 3, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
Site visit to Crowne Plaza, Warwick, for Weight-Wellness Summit

January 4–7, Wednesday–Saturday
AMA State Legislation Strategy Conference; RIMS member Megan Ranney, MD MPH, presented on gun violence prevention for physicians

January 9, Monday
Conference call with Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI regarding 2017 fee schedule; President Sarah Fessler, MD, President-elect Bradley Collins, MD, RIMS Staff
Meeting with United Health Plan of New England, President Sarah Fessler, MD, President-elect Bradley Collins, MD, RIMS Staff
Meeting with Hospital Association regarding legislation
Board of Directors Meeting, RIMS
President, Sarah J. Fessler, MD

January 10, Tuesday
Meeting with American Heart Association regarding sugar-sweetened beverage legislation
Weight-Wellness Summit
Planning Committee
Special Legislative Committee on Health Literacy meeting

January 11, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
Meeting with Senate Health and Human Services Chairman, Sen. Joshua Miller, Senate Policy staff, and David Kroessler, MD, regarding mental health parity, access, and legislation.
RI Association of Nurse Anesthetists Reception

January 12, Thursday
SIM Grant Steering Committee: Peter A. Hollmann, MD
Memorial Service, former state representative Kenneth Carter

January 13, Friday
Diabetes Prevention Program meeting
Meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI regarding RIMS’ 2017 legislative agenda

January 15, Sunday
Congressional Delegation Rally in support of the Affordable Care Act

January 17, Tuesday
OHIC Health Insurance Advisory Committee
Meeting regarding out of network billing legislation, Sarah Fessler, MD, Michael Migliori, MD, Tony Cirillo, MD

January 18, Wednesday
Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee, Department of Health Legislative hearings
Speaker Mattiello fundraiser

January 23, Monday
RIMS Finance Committee: Jose Polanco, MD, Treasurer

January 24, Tuesday
Legislative hearings

January 25, Wednesday
RI Society of Anesthesiologists meeting; OHIC Commissioner Kathleen Hittner, MD and RIMS staff
Legislative hearings

January 26, Thursday
Alliance for Healthy Rhode Island legislative meeting
Legislative hearings
Senate President Paiva-Weed fundraiser

January 30, Monday
Meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI; Sarah Fessler, MD, President-elect Bradley Collins, MD, RIMS Staff

January 31, Tuesday
Department of Health public hearing on proposed opioid prescription regulations
Legislative hearings
New Legislators Reception; RIMS Board of Directors, Council, Public Laws, and RIMPAC
Rhode Island’s First
Weight + Wellness Summit

Convening community resources to create a Rhode Island where healthful, affordable choices in food and physical activity are the natural daily default for all.

Who should attend? Healthcare professionals, policy makers, health advocates, educators, producers and purveyors of wholesome foods, nutritionists, community leaders, urban planners and everyone who has an interest in making regular exercise and sound nutrition convenient and affordable for all Rhode Islanders.

Attendance is free but registration is required.
Exhibitor space available (some with scholarships).

For more information contact Catherine Norton at the Rhode Island Medical Society at 401-443-2386 or cnorton@rimed.org

Please share this with those you think would benefit from attending.
The Rhode Island Medical Society continues to drive forward into the future with the implementation of various new programs. As such, RIMS is expanded its Affinity Program to allow for more of our colleagues in healthcare and related business to work with our membership. RIMS thanks these participants for their support of our membership.

Contact Megan Turcotte for more information: 401-331-3207 or mturcotte@rimed.org

Doctor’s Choice provides no cost Medicare consultations. Doctor’s Choice was founded by Dr. John Luo, a graduate of the Alpert Medical School at Brown University to provide patient education and guidance when it comes to choosing a Medicare Supplemental, Advantage, or Part D prescription plan. Doctor’s Choice works with individuals in RI, MA, as well as CT and helps compare across a wide variety of Medicare plans including Blue Cross, United Health, Humana, and Harvard Pilgrim.

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island is a non-profit HMO founded in 1993 in partnership with Rhode Island’s Community Health Centers. Serving over 185,000 members, Neighborhood has doubled in membership, revenue and staff since November 2013. In January 2014, Neighborhood extended its service, benefits and value through the HealthSource RI health insurance exchange, serving 49% the RI exchange market. Neighborhood has been rated by National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as one of the Top 10 Medicaid health plans in America, every year since ratings began twelve years ago.

RIPCPC is an independent practice association (IPA) of primary care physicians located throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA, originally formed in 1994, represent 150 physicians from Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. RIPCPC also has an affiliation with over 200 specialty-care member physicians. Our PCP’s act as primary care providers for over 340,000 patients throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA was formed to provide a venue for the smaller independent practices to work together with the ultimate goal of improving quality of care for our patients.
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Membership in The Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) makes you a part of a dynamic network of physicians, residents, students, physician assistants, and healthcare professionals who represent, like you, the best of the profession.

The ABCs of membership

Advocacy: RIMS membership offers a cohesive platform for its members to speak with a unified voice on local, state and national issues through committee participation, policy development, legislative representation, educational conferences, and stakeholder seminars.

Benefits: CME sessions, physician health services, preferred career, financial and personal services from our sponsors, membership portal.

Collegiality: Social events, networking opportunities, professional development.

Strength: In numbers. If you are already a member, thank you for your support. If you’re not, join us today. Group, military and new practitioner discounts; medical students join for free.

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RIMS maintains close contact with federal and state lawmakers to represent physician and patient interests in emerging legislation. RIMS Public Laws Chair Michael E. Migliori, MD, at left, and RIMS Director of Government and Public Affairs Steven R. DeToy shown here following their meeting with RI Representative David R. Cicilline.

RIMS Leadership: Treasurer José Polanco, MD; Secretary Christine Brousseau, MD; President-Elect Bradley J. Collins, MD; President Sarah J. Fessler, MD; Vice President Peter A. Hollman, MD; and (seated) Immediate Past President Russell A. Settipane, MD.

RIMS hosts social events throughout the year for members and guests.

Alyn L. Adrain, MD, and Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Rhode Island Delegates to the AMA, participate in the formation of national AMA policy at annual House of Delegates meetings in Chicago.

RIMS Executive Director Newell E. Warde, PhD, hosting a free CME seminar for members of the Medical Society.
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