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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

**February 1, Wednesday**
“Employment 101” presentation for residents and fellows, RI Hospital
Legislative Hearings

**February 3, Friday**
Healthcare Workforce Transformation Committee (SIM project, Executive Office of Health & Human Services)
Legislative Hearings: Michael E. Migliori, MD, Chair, RIMS Public Laws Committee, testifying
Speaker Mattiello fundraiser

**February 6, Monday**
Conference call regarding out-of-network billing legislation in the General Assembly
RIMS Council Meeting: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President

**February 7, Tuesday**
RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
Weight + Wellness Summit Planning Committee
Senate Committees on Health and Human Services and Finance joint meeting on Affordable Care Act
Legislative Hearings: Peter A. Hollmann, MD, RIMS Vice President, testifying
RIMS Reception for New Legislators at RIMS headquarters

**February 8, Wednesday**
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, Department of Health
Governor’s Overdose and Intervention Task Force
Legislative Hearings

**February 13, Monday**
Tobacco Free Rhode Island/RI Tobacco Policy Committee meeting at RIMS

**February 14, Tuesday**
Meeting with PACE [Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly]
AMA Advocacy Resource Center conference call regarding Aetna-Humana merger
Legislative hearings

**February 15, Wednesday**
Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee, Department of Health
Legislative hearings: Michael E. Migliori, MD, Chair, RIMS Public Laws Committee, testifying
Speaker Mattiello fundraiser

**February 16, Thursday**
Health care lobbyists meeting, hosted by RIMS
Chuck Jones, CEO, Thundermist, farewell reception

**February 17, Friday**
Congressman Cicilline roundtable discussion on the Affordable Care Act
Conference Call with United Networks of America re: pharmacy cards for patients

**February 20, Monday**
Meeting with Governor’s Office regarding legislation

**February 21, Tuesday**
CME Committee [Patrick J. Sweeney, MD, PhD, MPH, Chair] conference call with Graham McIntosh, MD, MMSc, President, Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
Weight + Wellness Summit Planning Committee
Meeting with RI Health Center Association regarding Weight + Wellness Summit
Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner: Health Insurance Advisory Council

**February 22, Wednesday**
RI Emergency Department Directors meeting regarding potential legislation, RIMS staff

**February 23, Thursday**
Meeting with former Secretary of Health and Human Services Elizabeth Roberts regarding Weight + Wellness Summit

**February 27, Monday**
RI Psychiatric Society Law and Legislation Committee, RIMS Staff

**February 28, Tuesday**
Diabetes Prevention in Rhode Island Launch Meeting, Providence: RIMS’ Executive Director, speaker
AMA National Advocacy Conference, Washington, DC: meetings with Rhode Island congressional delegation; Bradley Collins, MD, President-elect, RIMS staff
AMA honors former RI Secretary of Health and Human Services Elizabeth Roberts for her career in public service, Washington, DC; Bradley Collins, MD, President-elect, RIMS staff
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.

For more information contact Catherine Norton at the Rhode Island Medical Society: 401-443-2386 or cnorton@rimed.org rimed.org/weight+wellness.asp

The summit’s Luncheon Program and Mindfulness Demonstration sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island.
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 Marc Bialek for more information: 401-331-3207 or mbialek@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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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.

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Collegiality: Social events, networking opportunities, professional development.

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

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 hosts social events throughout the year for members and guests.