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May 1, Monday
AMA Advocacy Resource Center Executive Committee conference call
RIMS Board of Directors meeting:
Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President

May 2, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee:
Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
Meeting with Chairman Miller, Senate Health and Human Services Committee regarding legislation

May 3, Wednesday
Legislative Hearings
RIMS Patient Safety Initiative committee meeting

May 4, Thursday
Legislative Hearings

May 5, Friday
New England Delegation to the AMA and Council of New England State Medical Societies reception

May 6, Saturday
New England Delegation to the AMA and Council of New England State Medical Societies spring meeting

May 8, Monday
Department of Health Board of Nursing meeting
Legislative Hearings

May 9, Tuesday
AMA Advocacy Resource Center conference call
Legislative hearings
RIMS Foundation Strategic Planning meeting

May 10, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline Task Force
Meeting of the Governor’s Opioid Overdose Prevention Task Force: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President; Gary Bubly, MD, Past President
AMA Conference Call regarding federal health care reform
Legislative hearings
RIMS Nominating Committee: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President
Citizen Physicians at WAMS

May 11, Thursday
Consultation with Anchor Medical Associates regarding diabetes prevention strategies
Legislative hearings
SIM Grant Steering Committee: Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Vice President
Senator Archambault fundraiser

May 12, Friday
Conference call with RI ACEP regarding political fundraising
Diabetes Prevention Stakeholders’ Group
Bryant University PA Program fundraising gala for Heart Association, Officers’ Club, Newport

May 16, Tuesday
CME Directors’ meeting, Waltham, MA: Patrick J. Sweeney, MD, MPH, RIMS CME Chair; RIMS staff
OHC Health Insurance Advisory Committee
Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey fundraiser

May 17, Wednesday
RI Department of Health’s Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee
Meeting with Brown medical students regarding Citizen Physician
Governor’s Food Strategy event, State House
Legislative Hearings
Senator Goldin fundraiser

May 18, Thursday
RIMS Foundation consultant interview
Legislative hearings
House HEW Chair McNamara fundraiser

May 19, Friday
RI Workers Compensation Reform 25th Anniversary Celebration
Conference call with Blue Cross dental coverage

May 23 Tuesday
Legislative hearings

May 25, Thursday
RIMS Foundation strategic planning

May 26, Friday
Presentation of two RIMS awards to graduating medical students: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President

May 30, Tuesday
Meeting with WAMS faculty regarding special projects

May 31, Wednesday
Senator Lombardi fundraiser
Non-Patient Centered Medical Home [PCMH] Small Practice Engagement meeting
MACRA Symposium planned for June 20

Are you ready for MACRA? Are you struggling to understand what MACRA means for your organization? Are you having trouble preparing for this new payment program?

Our MACRA Symposium will provide expert guidance to help you to better understand the quality payment program, the impact on healthcare providers, and how you can best prepare. A panel discussion of local healthcare professionals will discuss their concerns and how they’re preparing.

**JUNE 20, 7:30AM**
New England Institute of Technology
1 New England Tech Boulevard
East Greenwich

**AGENDA**

7:30–8:00 am
Registration/ Breakfast/Networking

8:00–9:00 am
The Mechanisms of MACRA Reporting: MIPS and APM Tracks
Leila Volinsky, MHA, MSN, RN
Program Administrator, Massachusetts, Healthcentric Advisors

9:10–10:10 am
Demystifying MACRA
Terrence McWilliams, MD, MSJ, FAAFP
Chief Clinical Consultant, HSG

10:20–11:50 am
Panel Discussion
Rhode Island Responses and Perspectives
Moderator:
Peter Hollmann, MD
Chief Medical Officer, University Medicine

Panelists:
Alan Kurose, MD, MBA, FACP
President & CEO, Coastal Medical
Ann Kashmanian, CPA, MBA
Chief Financial Officer & Compliance Officer
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Lauren Capizzo, MBA, PCMH CCE
Director, Practice Transformation
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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.

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### Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island

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.

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### RIPCPC

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A Rhode Island Academy of Physician Assistants (RIAPA) town hall meeting was held April 11 at Kent Hospital on PA practice in the state. Representatives from the state and national PA organizations and the Rhode Island Department of Health and the Rhode Island Medical Society participated in a series of meetings and updates on recertification and looking at the future of PA practice in the state.

A RIMS Mix and Mingle event was held at the Chapel Grille restaurant in Cranston on April 11.
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