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Working for You:
RIMS advocacy activities

January 2, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee:
Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
Meeting with RI Society of
Anesthesiologists’ new leadership
regarding legislation

January 3–6, Wednesday–Saturday
AMA’s Advocacy Resource Center State
Legislative State Strategy Conference:
Public Laws Chair Michael E. Migliori,
MD, and Staff

January 8, Monday
Diabetes Prevention Program [DPP]
Coverage Workgroup
House Special Legislative Commission
on School Start Times: Susan Duffy, MD
RIMS Board of Directors Meeting: Bradley
J. Collins, MD, President

January 9, Tuesday
Meeting with Office of the Health
Insurance Commissioner’s staff
regarding potential legislation and
pending regulations.

January 10, Wednesday
Meeting with Board of Medical
Licensure and Discipline
Governor’s Opioid Overdose and
Prevention Task Force meeting: Sarah
J. Fessler, MD, RIMS Immediate Past
President; Gary Bubly, MD, Past President

January 11, Thursday
SIM Steering Committee:
Peter Hollmann, MD

January 12, Friday
Medical Group Managers Association
Telemedicine Webinar

January 16, Tuesday
Advocacy Resource Center Conference
call regarding Economic Impact Study

January 17, Wednesday
Primary Care Physicians Advisory
Committee [RI Department of Health]
Meeting with Senator Miller and
representatives of Butler Hospital
regarding potential mental health
substance abuse legislation
Special Legislative Commission to Study
the Effects of Legalizing Marijuana,
John Fenino, MD

January 18, Thursday
Alliance for Healthy Rhode Island
AMPAC Strategic Fundraising webinar

January 19, Friday
Medically Supervised Injection Facility
(SIF) meeting, RIMS offices
RIO-ACS “80 by 2018” Colorectal
Screening Campaign: Alyn Aadrin, MD,
Past President

January 23, Tuesday
Office of the Health Insurance
Commissioner Cost Management
Strategies Workgroup: Peter A. Hollmann,
MD, President-elect
AMA Advocacy Resources conference
call regarding scope of practice
Legislative hearings

January 24, Wednesday
Workers Compensation Advisory meeting
AMA Advocacy Resource Center
conference call regarding managed care
physician contract database
Legislative hearings

January 25, Thursday
Conference call with Physicians for
Fair Coverage regarding legislation
Legislative hearings
Senate President Ruggerio fundraiser:
Peter Hollmann, MD, President-elect

January 26, Friday
Meeting with U.S. Surgeon General
Jerome Adams, MD, MPH; RI Health
Director Nicole Alexander-Scott,
MD, MPH, and U.S. Senator Sheldon
Whitehouse at RI State House

January 29, Monday
Lobbying compliance seminar, RIMS staff

January 30, Tuesday
Legislative hearings

January 31, Wednesday
Legislative hearings

Register Now!
Best Practices for Pain Management and Opioid Prescribing:
Fulfilling the New Opioid CME Mandate
Crowne Plaza, Warwick

Saturday, March 3
Appropriate Prescribing, Potential for Dependence, Pharmacology, and Addiction.

Saturday, March 24
Alternatives for Opioid Pain Management: Chiropractic Care, Medical Marijuana,
Physical Therapy, and Acupuncture.

CME applied for. These courses fulfill the requirements set forth in Department of Health
Regulations, Prescriber Training Requirement for Best Practices Regarding Opioid Prescribing:
Physician prescribers holding a Controlled Substance Registration (CSR) must fulfill this specific
training requirement only once and must do so before the next renewal of their CSR (June 2018).
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The Rhode Island Medical Society now endorses Coverys.

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Contact Marc Bialek for more information: 401-331-3207 or mbialek@rimed.org

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.
RIMS gratefully acknowledges the practices who participate in our discounted Group Membership Program.