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RIMS advocacy activities

May 1, Tuesday  
RIMS Physician Health Committee:  
Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair  
Conference call with Physicians for  
Fair Coverage regarding “surprise billing” legislation  
RIAFP Advocacy Day, RI State House  
Interested parties meeting, Senate Policy  
Office, regarding “surprise billing”  
Interview with WJAR-TV regarding  
physician office billing  
Legislative hearings

May 2, Wednesday  
Legislative hearings  
Sen. Harold Metts fundraiser

May 3, Thursday  
Legislative hearings

May 5, Saturday  
AMA New England Delegation Meeting,  
Mystic, CT: Alyn L. Adrain, MD, Yul  
Ejnes, MD, and Nitin S. Damle, MD

May 7, Monday  
RIMS Board of Directors Meeting:  
Bradley Collins, MD, President

May 8, Tuesday  
Governor’s Overdose Prevention and  
Intervention Task Force Workgroup  
on Harm Reduction  
Legislative hearings

May 9, Wednesday  
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline  
Governor’s Overdose Prevention and  
Intervention Task Force: Sarah Fessler,  
MD, Immediate Past President  
Legislative hearings  
Sen. Gayle Golden fundraiser

May 10, Thursday  
Fentanyl test strips press conference  
Legislative hearings, Kara Stavros, MD,  
made a House Call at the State House.  
SIM Grant Steering Committee: Peter  
Hollmann, MD, President-elect  
Rep. Daniel McKiernan fundraiser

May 14, Monday  
RIMS ad hoc Committee on Advocacy  
Principles: Health Care System  
Consolidation and the Evolving Health  
Care Landscape in Rhode Island

May 15, Tuesday  
Improving End of Life Care Coalition  
Legislative hearings  
Sen. Adam Satchel fundraiser

May 16, Wednesday  
Workers’ Compensation Advisory  
Commission  
Legislative hearings  
Sen. Maryellen Goodwin fundraiser:  
Michael E. Migliori, MD, Public  
Laws Chair

May 17, Thursday  
RIMS / Massachusetts Medical Society  
conference for CME directors, Waltham,  
MA: Patrick Sweeney, MD, PhD, MPH  
Legislative hearings

May 18, Friday  
RIMS Harm Reduction Committee  
community meeting  
Advocacy Presentation, Warren Alpert  
Medical School: Sarah Fessler, MD,  
Immediate Past President, RIMS staff  
Student Awards, Warren Alpert Medical  
School: Bradley Collins, MD, President

May 22, Tuesday  
Legislative hearings  
Governor Raimondo fundraiser

May 23, Wednesday  
Meeting to discuss potential updates to  
Rhode Island’s involuntary commitment  
statutes regarding drug abuse  
Physician Interstate Licensure Compact  
Commission: Newell Warde, PhD, member  
Primary Care Physician Advisory  
Committee, Department of Health  
Involuntary Commitment meeting  
with Senate Policy staff  
Legislative hearings

May 24, Thursday  
Legislative hearings  
RI Foundation Annual Meeting (Care  
Transformation Collaborative honored)  
Rep. Jason Knight fundraiser

May 25, Friday  
RIMS Harm Reduction Committee  
community meeting  
Advocacy Presentation, Warren Alpert  
Medical School: Sarah Fessler, MD,  
Immediate Past President, RIMS staff  
Student Awards, Warren Alpert Medical  
School: Bradley Collins, MD, President

May 29, Tuesday  
Legislative hearings  
Sen. Minority Leader Dennis Algiere  
fundraiser

May 30, Wednesday  
School Start Times Study Commission:  
Susan Duffy, MD  
Legislative hearings  
Sen. Frank Lombardi fundraiser

May 31, Thursday  
Legislative hearings  
ACO Learning Collaborative, Boston:  
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, President-elect  
Speaker Pro-tempore Brian Kennedy  
fundraiser: Michael Migliori, MD,  
Public Laws Chair
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