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Working for You:
RIMS advocacy activities

**February 1, Friday**
SIF (Safe Injection Facility) presentation, The Miriam Hospital

**February 4, Monday**
Meeting with ambulance company regarding community health worker engagement to reduce transport to hospitals
Meeting with RIACEP and HARI regarding quality reporting.
RIMS Council Meeting:
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, President

**February 5, Tuesday**
RIMS Physician Health Committee:
Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
OHIC Market Stability Workgroup:
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, President
Health Services Council regarding Director’s presentation
Meeting with House leadership regarding legislation
Legislative hearings

**February 6, Wednesday**
Department of Health hearing on the use of cannabis for Opioid Use Disorder
Conference call with Lifespan legal regarding legislation on Comprehensive Discharge Planning Statute
Workers Comp Advisory Council meeting
Legislative hearings

**February 7, Thursday**
Legislative hearings
House Majority Leader Shekarchi fundraiser
Meeting with various specialty societies regarding adult use of cannabis

**February 8, Friday**
Conference call regarding Mental Health First Aide in South County
Meeting with RI ACEP and Governor’s office regarding 911 dispatch protocols

**February 11, Monday**
Meeting with RI ACEP regarding advocacy day

**February 12, Tuesday**
AMA National Advocacy Conference, Washington, DC: Christine Brousseau, MD,

**February 13, Wednesday**
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
Governor’s Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force: Sarah Fessler, MD, Past President
Legislative hearings
Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey fundraiser

**February 14, Thursday**
RIMS annual Health Care Lobbyists meeting
Interview with Department of Health consultants regarding closure of Memorial Hospital
CMS webinar regarding new Part D Opioid Overutilization Policies
Governor’s press conference regarding gun safety
SIM State Innovation Model: Peter A. Hollmann, MD, President
Legislative hearings

**February 15, Friday**
Call with Department of Labor and Training regarding new AMA Guides® to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment

**February 18–22, Monday–Friday**
School Vacation Week, General Assembly not in session

**February 19, Tuesday**
Meeting with OHIC regarding integrated mental health study

**February 20, Wednesday**
Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee
Meeting with Department of Health regarding harm reduction center legislation

**February 21, Thursday**
Meeting with RI Thoracic Society, Newport Hospital, regarding legislation

**February 22, Friday**
Diabetes Prevention Program conference call

**February 25, Monday**
Governor’s Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force launching Nalox Box, Amos House
Director of Health briefing at RIMS regarding clinician self reporting to Patient Safety Organizations (PSO)

**February 26, Tuesday**
Meeting with the RI Health Care Association
Meeting with Connecticut Hospital Association and Hospital Association of Rhode Island regarding patient safety, physician well-being, and state regulatory and disciplinary activities
Legislative Hearings

**February 27, Wednesday**
Diabetes Prevention Program Stakeholder Network meeting
Legislative Hearings
WLNE/ABC 6 Opioid Forum, Brown University

**February 28, Thursday**
RIMS Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI meeting: Peter A. Hollmann, MD, President
Legislative Hearings
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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.

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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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