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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

October 1, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
Conference call with EMS students regarding Basic Emergency and Response Skills (BEARS) legislation

October 2, Wednesday
Meeting with Hospital Association of RI (HARI) and DAY ONE regarding Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE)

October 4, Friday
RIMS Notes issue production
Meeting with the Department of the Attorney General regarding Medicaid fraud education initiative

October 7, Monday
RIMS Council: Christine Brousseau, MD, President

October 8, Tuesday
AMA conference call on federal legislation
Governor’s Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force Harm Reduction Work Group

October 9, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
Governor’s Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force
Meeting with American Nurses Association-RI and Alzheimer’s Association regarding Alzheimer’s legislation and CME

October 11, Friday
Conference call with Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) regarding prior authorization
World Diabetes Day Executive Committee conference call

October 14, Monday
RIMS closed in observance of Columbus Day

October 16, Wednesday
Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee

October 21, Monday
Rhode Island Mental Health Parity Initiative
Meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI: (BCBSRI) Christine Brousseau, MD, President

October 22, Tuesday
RIMS Notes issue production

October 23, Wednesday
Department of Health/Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) meeting on continuity of care documentation

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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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