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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

US Senator Jack Reed and Catherine Cummings, MD, RIMS President-elect, who attended the AMA National Advocacy Conference on February 11 in Washington, DC. Dr. Cummings and RIMS staff met with Rhode Island’s Congressional Delegation.

February 3, Monday
RIMS Council: Christine Brousseau, MD, MPH, President. Guest: Marie Ganim, PhD, Health Insurance Commissioner

February 4, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair Legislative Hearings

February 5, Wednesday
Special House Commission on Step Therapy Protocols Legislative hearings Meeting with American College of Physicians regarding legislation

February 6, Thursday
Legislative hearings Senate President Ruggerio fundraiser

February 10, Monday
RI Foundation Health in Rhode Island: A Long Term Vision roll-out Meeting with RI Physical Therapists’ Association on legislation House Majority Leader Shekarchi fundraiser: Michael Migliori, MD, RIMS Public Laws Chair Meeting with Department of Health Chief Operating Officer and RI American College of Emergency Physicians (RI ACEP), Otis Warren, MD, President, regarding Emergency Medical Services (EMS) regulations

February 11, Tuesday
AMA National Advocacy Conference, Washington, DC: Catherine Cummings, MD, President-Elect and staff; meetings with Congressional delegation

February 12, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline RI Long Term Care Coordination Council regarding Alzheimer’s CME requirement Governor’s Overdose Intervention and Prevention Task Force: Sarah Fessler, MD, Past President Special House Commission on Step Therapy Protocols: Alyn Adrain, MD, Past President and Nichole St. George, Rhode Island/Massachusetts Medical Group Managers Association presenting Legislative hearings

February 13, Thursday
Annual health care lobbyists meeting, RI Medical Society Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey fundraiser

February 14, Friday
RIMS Notes production Meeting with CTC-RI and Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI regarding RIMS’ Prior Authorization project

February 18, Tuesday
OHIC Health Insurance Advisory Committee

February 19, Wednesday
Primary Care Physicians Advisory Committee

February 20, Thursday
Conference call with RI Psychological Association, RI Physical Therapists’ Association, and American Nurses Association-RI regarding Governor’s Budget Article 20, Interstate Licensing Compacts

February 25, Tuesday
Senate Commission to Study Insurer Payment Impact on Health Care Legislative hearings

February 26, Wednesday
Department of Health Diabetes Prevention Program Support Network Special House Commission on Step Therapy Protocols Legislative hearings Senator Melissa Murray fundraiser Representative Grace Diaz fundraiser

February 27, Thursday
Legislative hearings

February 28, Friday
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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. 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.
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