



# Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

## April 1, Thursday

Legislative hearings

## April 5, Monday

RIMS Council meeting: Catherine A. Cummings, MD, President; featuring RI Attorney General Peter Neronha

## April 6, Tuesday

Physician Health Program Governance Committee: Jerry Fingerut, MD, Chair  
Legislative hearings

## April 7, Wednesday

Legislative hearings

## April 8, Thursday

Legislative hearings

## April 9, Friday

Legislative hearings

## April 12, Monday

Legislative hearings

## April 13, Tuesday

RI Department of Health (RIDOH)  
Diabetes prevention program  
RI Care Transformation Committee: webinar Road to Equity  
American Medical Association (AMA) call on Prediabetes Prevention Project  
Tufts Health Plan meeting: Catherine A. Cummings, MD, RIMS President; Elizabeth Lange, MD, RIMS President-elect

RIMS meeting regarding Federal Stimulus monies: Catherine A. Cummings, MD, RIMS President; Elizabeth Lange, MD, RIMS President-elect; Thomas Bledsoe, MD, Vice President; RIMS staff  
Legislative hearings

## April 14, Wednesday

RIDOH Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline monthly meeting  
Governor's Overdose Intervention and Prevention Task Force: Sarah Fessler, MD, RIMS Past President  
Meeting with RI Business Group on Health: Catherine A. Cummings, MD, RIMS President  
Meeting with RI Public Health Institute and American Heart Association regarding sugary beverage tax legislation

Meeting of RI House of Representative Step Therapy Commission: Steve DeToy, Commission member

Legislative hearings

## April 15, Thursday

RIMS Nominations Committee: E. Christine Brousseau, MD, Immediate Past President, Chair; Elizabeth Lang, MD, President-Elect; Thomas Bledsoe, MD, Vice President; Kathleen Carney-Godley, MD; Steven Schechter, MD; Richard Terek, MD  
Legislative hearings

## April 16, Friday

Legislative hearings

## April 19, Monday

RIMS' Member-only *State House Update*: Michael Migliori, MD, Public Laws Chair  
Legislative recess

## April 20, Tuesday

Meeting with RI Health Policy Alliance regarding Legislation  
Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) Health Insurance Advisory Council (HIAC): Catherine A. Cummings, MD, President  
AMA/Manatt Health webinar: Improving Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment  
Legislative recess

## April 21, Wednesday

RIDOH Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee (PCPAC): Elizabeth Lange, MD, President-elect  
Diabetes Prevention Programs (DPP) Stakeholder's call  
AMA webinar: Taming the Electronic Health Record  
RI-ACP Advocacy Committee with Michael Migliori, MD, RIMS Public Laws Chair  
Legislative recess

## April 22, Thursday

Meeting with RI Parity project: Catherine A. Cummings, MD, RIMS President  
Legislative recess

## April 23, Friday

Legislative recess

## April 26, Monday

Legislative hearings

## April 27, Tuesday

Tobacco Harm Reduction webinar: Global Tobacco & Nicotine Forum  
Legislative hearings

## April 28, Wednesday

Legislative hearings  
Warren Alpert Medical School Student Awards, including presentation of the RIMS-endowed Dr. Amos Throop Award and the Dr. Herbert Rakatansky Award

## April 29, Thursday

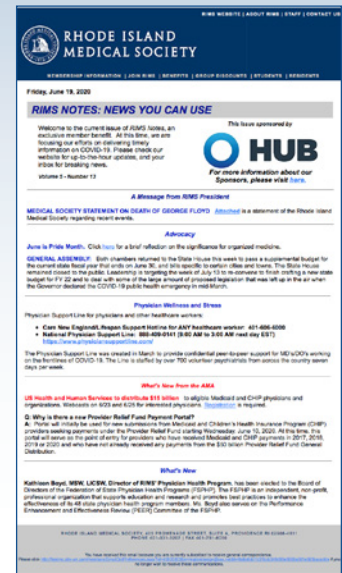
Racial Equity Working Group/ Prevent Overdose RI  
Legislative hearings

## April 30, Friday

Legislative hearings

### RIMS NOTES: News You Can Use

Our biweekly e-newsletter is published on alternate Fridays exclusively for RIMS members. Contact Dulce Cosme if you've missed an issue, [dcosme@rimed.org](mailto:dcosme@rimed.org).





## RIMS CORPORATE AFFILIATES

The Rhode Island Medical Society continues to drive forward into the future with the implementation of various new programs. As such, RIMS is expanding its Affinity Program to allow for more of our colleagues in health-care 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.



[www.ripccp.com](http://www.ripccp.com)

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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