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## Physicians boost RI's economic health by \$4B a year

A study sponsored by the Rhode Island Medical Society and the American Medical Association shows that office-based physicians in the state generate \$4 billion in revenue annually, provide \$2.9 billion in total wages and benefits and support more than 15,000 jobs. Office-based physicians also generate some \$185 million in state and local tax revenue in Rhode Island.

In releasing the study to local media, RIMS President Gary Bubly said the study quantifies for the first time some of the economic importance of creating a more positive environment for medical practice in Rhode Island. Attracting and retaining physicians in all specialties is vital not only for the future health of Rhode Islanders but also for the health of the Rhode Island economy. Currently, both the practice environment and the economy of Rhode Island are among the worst in the Northeast. Making the state hospitable to doctors benefits the Rhode Island population directly by bringing better access to health care and a strengthening the state economy.

In addition to the impressive direct economic impact measured in the study are the still greater and unmeasured economic benefits of maintaining a healthy and productive workforce and educational systems filled with students who are healthy and able to learn.

The study was conducted by The Lewin Group. ❖

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