



CME EVENT

# Eleventh Hour Education Event

May 17, 2014, 7:00 am

Crowne Plaza Hotel

801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick RI 02886

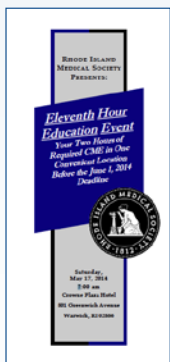
The RI Medical Society has organized your opportunity to obtain required Continuing Medical Education (CME) on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

The required topics to be covered are **Pain Management** and **Risk Management**, while we will also cover important education on a non-required topic.

The Rhode Island Department of Health states that “unless you were in training or became Board Certified or Re-Certified within the past two years, (physicians) need to complete 40 hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) during each two-year license cycle. The current license renewal cycle requires that you obtain and submit your credits no later than **June 1, 2014**. At least two hours of this education must be related to one of the following topics:

- Risk management
- Opioid pain management/chronic pain management
- End of life/palliative care
- Ethics”

### Registration



#### Program and Registration form

The program agenda and registration details for this event can also be found at [www.rimed.org](http://www.rimed.org). RIMS members may log onto the Member Portal to register or complete the form and return as noted.

If you are not a RIMS member but would like to join, please complete the [online membership application](#). The member rate will be offered to applicants upon receipt of your membership application.

Please email [Megan E. Turcotte](mailto:Megan.E.Turcotte@rimed.org) with questions, or call 401-331-3207.

### NOTICE

The Rhode Island Medical Society no longer endorses the collection agency **IC System** and is currently seeking a high-quality, professional collection agency that will provide superior service to RIMS members at favorable rates.



RIMS director of government and public affairs Steven R. DeToy, US Congressman David Cicilline, RIMS president-elect Peter Karczmar, MD

### RIMS leaders attend AMA national advocacy conference *Repeal of SGR, regulatory burdens top agenda*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Hundreds of physicians and advocates attended the AMA’s National Advocacy Conference with a unified mission: Sharpen their message on the top health policy issues and drive it home to Congress. Among them were Dr. Peter Karczmar, president-elect of the Rhode Island Medical Society and Steven R. DeToy, director of government and public affairs at RIMS.

During the conference, they met with Rhode Island Congressmen and their staffs, and called for immediate action to eliminate the sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula by March 31 and revitalize the Medicare system. A 24 percent payment cut is scheduled to take place April 1.

“If I had to sum up the goal of the National Advocacy Conference in a word, it would be ‘action,’” AMA President Ardis Dee Hoven, MD, said as she welcomed conferees.

“At the end of the day – when the conversations have ceased and the board rooms have closed – we’re the ones sitting in the exam room with the patient. We’re the ones who feel the full weight of health care decisions.”

At the conference, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Marilyn Tavenner told doctors that the agency is working toward easing their burden and finding resources to help them transition to new care delivery and payment models.

Tavenner highlighted several regulations the agency is re-evaluating for effectiveness in reaching their original objectives. These rules include:

- The “two-midnight” hospital observation rule, which Tavenner said “was never meant to replace medical judgment; it’s kind of gone in a way that it was never intended.”
- Medicare recovery audit contractors (RAC), which have been suspended as the agency considers what these contractors should audit. Tavenner said when the program resumes, RACs will not be paid right away, and physicians will have more time to produce records. In the meantime, a cross-agency task force is working to address the backlog of appeals.
- Meaningful use of electronic health records, which Tavenner said the agency is trying to align with ePrescribing. She also confirmed that a hardship exemption would be available for some practices that are “legitimately struggling” to meet the requirements.



## Why You Should Join the Rhode Island Medical Society

The Rhode Island Medical Society delivers valuable member benefits that help physicians, residents, medical students, physician-assistants, and retired practitioners every single day. As a member, you can take an active role in shaping a better health care future.

RIMS offers discounts for group membership, spouses, military, and those beginning their practices. Medical students can join for free.



### APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

#### **RIMS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

##### **Career management resources**

Insurance, medical banking, document shredding, and independent practice association

##### **Powerful advocacy at every level**

Advantages include representation, advocacy, leadership opportunities, and referrals

##### **Complimentary subscriptions**

Publications include *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, *Rhode Island Medical News*, annual *Directory of Members*; RIMS members have library privileges at Brown University

##### **Member Portal on [www.rimed.org](http://www.rimed.org)**

Password access to pay dues, access contact information for colleagues and RIMS leadership, RSVP to RIMS events, and share your thoughts with colleagues and RIMS



Above: State House press conference on health care, Brown MSS at the AMA, CPT update seminar, bike helmet distribution, medical student volunteers; Upper right: Meeting of RIMS membership committee

### **SPECIAL NOTICE: 2014 AMA DUES PAYMENTS**

The American Medical Association (AMA) will direct bill its Rhode Island members for their 2014 dues. Beginning August 2013, AMA members will receive a separate dues statement from the AMA instead of paying AMA membership dues through the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) membership invoice. This is simply an operational change so that both RIMS and AMA can concentrate on their respective member satisfaction. There remains no requirement for RIMS members to join the AMA.

Please let us know if you have questions concerning this change by emailing [Megan Turcotte](mailto:Megan.Turcotte@rimed.org) or phoning 401-331-3207.



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