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**Yes! I am interested in learning more about Rhode Island Primary Care (RIPCPC).**

Please send me application materials.

Please have a RIPCPC representative contact me.

*My preferred mailing address is:*

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*My area of Primary Care is:*

Family Practice

Internal Medicine Office Based

Internal Medicine Hospitalist

Pediatrics

Med/Peds

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicant's Signature: (Applicants are required to be sponsored by a RIPCPC member.)*

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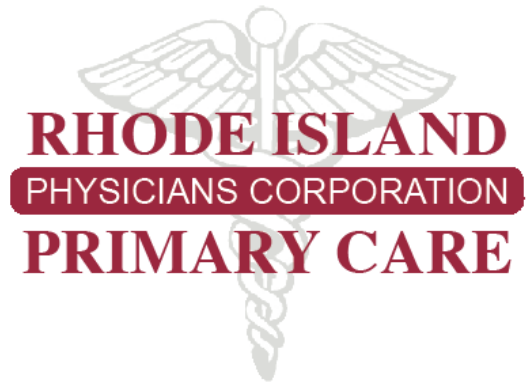
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# What Rhode Island Primary Care is all About.

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## BACKGROUND

Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation (RIPCPC) is an independent practice association (IPA) of primary care physicians located throughout the state of Rhode Island.



**RIPCPC represents over 150 PCP's and is affiliated with over 200 specialty care physicians.**

The IPA, originally formed in 1994, currently represents over 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, which represents approximately 1/3 of the state's population. The IPA was originally 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 while receiving the highest level of reimbursement for services provided.

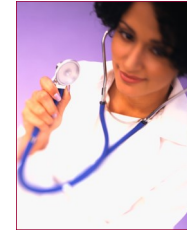
## STRUCTURE

Since its inception in 1994, RIPCPC has continued to grow and develop its quality infrastructure while delivering the best contracts available to primary care providers in Rhode Island. The IPA's CEO reports to an eleven member physician Board of Directors consisting of two seats from each specialty, three at-large seats,

and the IPA President. This Board makes all decisions on IPA contracting, new initiatives, and the strategic direction of the organization. The IPA has four Medical Directors who meet monthly to coordinate clinical quality initiatives and future Continuing Medical Education (CME) topics. Each month, the IPA hosts four separate POD (Pool of Doctors) meetings throughout the state. Each meeting is coordinated by one of our four Medical Directors, and a CME lecture is presented. A portion of the meeting is also dedicated to reviewing contract performance, IPA initiatives and quality metrics. Physicians are compensated for their attendance at those POD Meetings. To participate in contracts, a physician must attend a minimum of six meetings each contract year and also be a member in good standing.

## GOALS

Our mission of higher quality and better efficiency through improved technologies has proven to be a successful clinical model. RIPCPC has been implementing innovative quality initiatives since 1994. One recent example of this is our focus on the NCQA's 'Patient Centered Medical Home' care delivery model. This patient-centric care delivery model improves quality by prioritizing access and implementing care coordination strategies. Aligned with our ultimate goal of improving quality through efficiencies, this nationally recognized clinical model is improving the care that is delivered in primary care offices around the country.



**RIPCPC ensures high-quality patient care while maintaining concern for overall cost of care.**

The IPA has always focused on enhancing the reimbursement of its physicians to reward them for the additional quality work they do. Over the years, we have developed a very good relationship with Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI, United Healthcare and other payors. This has allowed us to deliver contracts with clear added value to our physician members. Typically, our contracts have included enhanced FFS reimbursement, additional PMPM management fees, quality performance bonuses and access to quality improvement personnel. We have also maintained the highest discount on malpractice insurance available in Rhode Island through NORCAL. IPA members have seen an average of 15-20% increase in their revenue.

While we do collect a one time membership fee, we do not collect any further dues or fees from our member physicians. The one thing we do ask of our members is active participation. The high levels of participation by member physicians is what has allowed RIPCPC to negotiate better contracts with insurance plans, accomplish the goals we set for ourselves and improve the health of Rhode Islanders.

