



RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

March 1, 2021

The Honorable Stephen Casey
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Casey:

re: 21H-5370
Representative Donovan

The Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) and the American Medical Association (AMA) have policy in support of Representative Donovan's legislation to protect the privacy of patient information.

Our policy would require health insurers to develop a method of listing health care services on Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements that would preserve confidentiality for all insured individuals. We also support health insurers being required to communicate clear procedures to all insured dependents on how to request confidential communications, including EOBs, internet websites and any other form of communication.

We thank Representative Donovan and urge the committee to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine A. Cummings".

Catherine A. Cummings, MD
President