



# RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

Chairperson Susan Donovan  
House Health & Human Services Committee  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Support with Considerations – H 7720

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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS), thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on H7720 and to the sponsors for advancing this important discussion.

RIMS supports the goal of this legislation to increase transparency and oversight of healthcare transactions and protect access to care. Recent events have highlighted the need for greater visibility into how ownership and financial structures impact care delivery.

At the same time, this is an evolving policy area. The Office of the Attorney General, recently released regulations to enhance healthcare market oversight that are intended to address many of these same concerns.

Given this, RIMS believes it is important to first understand how these regulations will be implemented and whether they effectively address issues related to cost, access, and system stability before adding additional statutory requirements.

As this legislation moves forward, we encourage an approach that:

- Aligns with the Attorney General's regulatory framework
- Avoids duplicative or conflicting oversight
- Provides clarity for physicians and healthcare organizations
- Does not unintentionally delay or deter transactions that may preserve access to care

RIMS looks forward to working with the Committee and stakeholders as this issue continues to evolve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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