



# RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

Chairperson Melissa Murray  
Senate Health & Human Services Committee  
Rhode Island Senate  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Support – S 2118

March 12, 2026

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS), I write in support of S2118, which makes a technical clarification to the Primary Care Training Sites Program statute.

The bill ensures that primary care practices recognized as patient-centered medical homes (PCMH) by the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) are eligible to participate in the program, in addition to practices that maintain national recognitions such as NCQA or other appropriate accreditation recognized by the Department of Health.

This clarification reflects how many Rhode Island primary care practices currently operate within the state's PCMH framework and ensures that qualified training sites are not excluded based solely on the type of PCMH designation they hold. Maintaining flexibility in how practices demonstrate PCMH status will help sustain the clinical training opportunities supported by this program.

For these reasons, RIMS respectfully urges the Committee to support S2118.

Sincerely,

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