End Rhode Island's Surprise Coverage Gap
Social Media Toolkit

We Need Your Help

Rhode Island insurance companies are forcing doctors and other providers out of network, leaving patients with narrow networks and few options. This coverage gap is increasingly leaving patients with surprise medical bills. Insurance companies are working behind the scenes to pass legislation that protects their profits, not their patients. Working together, doctors and patients can help Rhode Island lawmakers enact a comprehensive, fair solution that takes patients out of the middle, boosts transparency, and effectively ends surprise billing while ensuring long-term access to quality healthcare.

Sample Tweets and Posts

Rhode Island Legislators need to hear from you. Below are key hashtags and sample tweets and posts you can use and a table that will help you tag key legislators.

Hashtags

#AccessToCare, #FairCoverage, #EndSurpriseBilling, #PatientsBeforeProfits
#RIpol, #RIpolitics, #RIleg

Sample Tweets:

- [INSERT MEMBER HANDLE] Surprise medical bills are a growing problem. Rhode Island needs a comprehensive solution that protects patients and the healthcare system. http://endtheinsurancegap.org/sites/default/files/resources/ri_fact_sheet.pdf #RIleg #EndSurpriseBilling #AccessToCare

- Narrow insurance networks cause surprise bills. Hold insurance companies accountable and put patients before profits. We need a fair, comprehensive solution. [INSERT MEMBER HANDLE] #PatientsBeforeProfits endtheinsurancegap.org

- Patients don't get to choose where & when they need emergency care. Put patients first with a comprehensive, fair solution that ends the coverage gap and surprise bills. [INSERT MEMBER HANDLE] #FairCoverage #EndSurpriseBilling endtheinsurancegap.org

Sample Facebook Posts:

- [INSERT MEMBER HANDLE] Rhode Island deserves a comprehensive solution to surprise medical bills. We've got to create a system that works for patients and the providers who care for them by getting patients out of the middle and making insurance companies more transparent. #RIpol #AccessToCare #RIleg http://endtheinsurancegap.org/sites/default/files/resources/ri_fact_sheet.pdf

- Rhode Island patients deserve a comprehensive solution to surprise medical bills and the surprise coverage gaps that cause them. We need [INSERT MEMBER HANDLE] to take patients out of the middle, increase transparency and hold insurance companies accountable. endtheinsurancegap.org #RIpol #FairCoverage #PatientsBeforeProfits

- [INSERT MEMBER HANDLE] Rhode Island physicians and providers support a comprehensive solution to end surprise out-of-network bills. Let's take the patient out of the middle, boost transparency, and ensure access to care with a fair, comprehensive solution. #FairCoverage #EndSurpriseBilling #RIpolitics endtheinsurancegap.org

Twitter and Facebook Handles

Using the "@" sign before a lawmaker's Twitter handle or Facebook username will "tag" the lawmaker and notify him or her of your tweet or Facebook post. Alternatively, you may post directly to the lawmaker's Facebook page. Below are accounts for elected officials of Rhode Island, including House Republican and Democratic leadership, as well as members of the House Insurance Committee.

End the Surprise Insurance Gap Rhode Island Partners – Twitter and Facebook Handles

Name	Facebook Page	Twitter Handle
End the Surprise Insurance Gap	@EndTheSurpriseInsuranceGap	@NoSurpriseGap
Physicians for Fair Coverage		@4FairCoverage

Rhode Island Legislators – Twitter and Facebook Handles

Name	Facebook Page	Twitter Handle
Governor: Gina M. Raimondo	https://www.facebook.com/GinaMRaimondo/	@govRaimondo @ginaraimondo
Lt. Governor: Dan McKee (D)	https://www.facebook.com/LGDanMcKee	@LGDanMcKee
Rhode Island Insurance Commissioner: Marie Ganim	N/A	@OHICRhodeIsland
House Speaker: Nicholas A. Mattiello (D-15)	https://www.facebook.com/NickMattielloRI/	@NickMattielloRI @RISpeaker
House Majority Leader: K. Joseph Shekarchi (D-23)	https://www.facebook.com/joseph.shekarchi	@JoeShekarchi
House Minority Leader: Patricia L. Morgan (R-26)	https://www.facebook.com/patricia.morgan.9041	@repmorgan
Senate President: Dominick J. Ruggerio (D-4)	https://business.facebook.com/SenatorRuggerio/	@SenatorRuggerio
Senate Majority Leader: Michael J. McCaffrey (D-29)	https://www.facebook.com/SenatorMcCaffrey/	@SenMcCaffrey
Senate Minority Leader: Dennis L. Algiere (R-38)	N/A	N/A
House Corporations Chair: Robert B. Jacquard (D-17)	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Robert-B-Jacqaurd-Esquire	@RobertJacquard
House Corporations Vice-Chair: Mary Messier (D-62)	https://www.facebook.com/maryduffy.messier	N/A
House Corporations Secretary: Raymond H. Johnston, Jr. (D-61)	https://www.facebook.com/raymond.johnstonjr.3	N/A
Senate Health and Human Services Chair: Joshua Miller (D-28)	https://www.facebook.com/senatorjoshmiller/	@SenatorMillerRI
Senate Health and Human Services Vice-Chair: Gayle L. Goldin (D-3)	https://www.facebook.com/SenatorGayleGoldin/	@gaylegoldin
Senate Health and Human Services Secretary: James C. Sheehan (D-36)	https://www.facebook.com/SenatorJimSheehan/	@SenatorSheehan