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**Rhode Island Quality Institute Appoints G. Alan Kurose, MD, President and CEO  
of Coastal Medical to its Board of Directors**

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND—The Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI), a not-for-profit organization working to transform the health care system in Rhode Island, announced today the appointment of G. Alan Kurose, MD, President and CEO of Coastal Medical, a medical service organization and one of the largest group practices in Rhode Island, to its Board of Directors.

Dr. Kurose has served as President and CEO of Coastal Medical since 2008 and recently completed his 20<sup>th</sup> year of adult primary care practice in East Providence. He is chair of the Executive Committee of the RI's nationally acclaimed all-payer Patient-centered Medical Home project (CSI-RI). He has also served as a member of the Safe Transitions Advisory Board for Quality Partners of RI, and has been an active member of the Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee (PCPAC) to the Director of the RI Department of Health.

"Al Kurose is a visionary and innovative physician leader, as well as a true advocate of the Rhode Island Quality Institute and its mission," said Laura Adams, President and CEO, Rhode Island Quality Institute. "It is a great honor to have him join our Board and work with us to advance RIQI's key initiatives.

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**James E. Purcell, Chair**, Chairman of the Board, Rhode Island Quality Institute

**Yul D. Ejnes, MD, FACP, Vice Chair**, ACP Board of Regents, Rhode Island Medical Society

**Laura L. Adams, President**, President and CEO, Rhode Island Quality Institute

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**Peter Andruszkiewicz**, President and CEO of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island

**Raymond L. Bandusky**, Executive Director, Rhode Island Disability Law Center (RIDLC)

**Richard W. Besdine, MD**, Professor of Medicine, Director, Center for Gerontology and Healthcare Research, Brown University; Director, Division of Geriatrics in the Department of Medicine; Chief of Geriatrics at Lifespan; Greer Professor of Geriatric Medicine

**Troyen A. Brennan, M.D., M.P.H.**, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, CVS Caremark

**Nitin S. Damle, MD, FACP**, Internist, South County Internal Medicine, Inc.

**Stephen J. Farrell**, Chief Executive Officer, United Healthcare of New England, Inc.

**Marie Ghazal, RN, CEO**, Rhode Island Free Clinic

**Bernadette R. Hawes**, Customer Service Supervisor, Astro-Med Inc.

**H. John Keimig, MHA, FACHE**, Chief Executive Officer, Quality Partners of Rhode Island

**Dennis Keefe**, President and CEO of Care New England

**Christopher F. Koller**, Health Insurance Commissioner, State of Rhode Island (*ex-officio*)

**Jeanne R. Lieb**, Senior Vice President Information Services of FM Global

**Maria Montanaro**, President, M. Montanaro Consulting

**James Roosevelt Jr.**, President and CEO, Tufts Health Plan

**George A. Vecchione**, President and CEO, Lifespan

**Laurie White**, President, Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce

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### ***About the Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI)***

*Founded in 2001, the Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI) is a collaboration of leaders in the Rhode Island community who share the intent to substantively improve the healthcare system in the state. The collaboration includes CEOs of hospitals, health insurers, and businesses, along with leaders of consumer groups, academia, and government. RIQI's mission is to significantly improve the quality, safety, and value of health care in Rhode Island. RIQI is the Governor-designated sole Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO) for Rhode Island, chosen to coordinate the statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE). As the RHIO, RIQI is charged with bringing together health care stakeholders within the state and governing HIE among them for the purpose of improving health outcomes in the community. For more information, visit [www.RIQI.org](http://www.RIQI.org).*