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## **For Immediate Release**

### **2003 Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) Exam Dates Announced** *Spring administration held at testing centers; Annual Meeting Administration in August*

(Sudbury, MA, February 13, 2003) – The American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA) announced today the dates for the 2003 Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) exam.

The Spring test administration will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2003 at testing centers located in: Orlando, FL; Lenox, GA; Lombard, IL; Framingham, MA; Minnetonka, MN; and Alexandria, VA. There will also be a test administration at the AHRA Annual Meeting on August 9, 2003 in Anaheim, CA.

Eligibility is based on a point system, with 7 points needed to sit for the exam. Points are earned through education, experience, and the ARRT registry. Experience is defined as management, supervisory, or administrative experience in radiology or medical imaging with responsibility for three of the five domains listed above. At least one point must come from education, or more than ten (10) years experience with no education points. Certification is related to human radiology only.

The test will consist of 185 questions and tests a candidate's knowledge in five management domain (content) areas: human resource management, asset resource management, fiscal management, operations management, and communication and information management. Approximately 30% of the questions will be based on knowledge, 40% will test application skills (i.e. problem solving), and 30% will be analysis.

Tests are scored on a pass/fail basis. All administrators taking the test will receive a diagnostic report that shows how they fared in each management area. To maintain the credential, radiology administrators will need to obtain 36 continuing education credits every three years.

The cost for the test is \$300 plus a \$50 application fee to verify eligibility. Exam applications are available at <http://www.ahraonline.org> or by calling the AHRA office at 978-443-7591 / 800-334-2472.

The Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) Program is the first and only one of its kind in the industry. The CRA Program works to raise the business acumen of imaging administrators, provide a standardized evaluation of an imaging administrator's competence, enhance the status of imaging administration in the healthcare community, and ensure appropriate recognition of expertise as identified by the certification.

AHRA is extremely grateful to Kodak Health Imaging, who pledged \$1 million over five years to fund this exciting new program for radiology administrators to become certified, earning them the credentials CRA.

AHRA is the premier association of managers in imaging sciences providing the information, education, and networking opportunities needed to succeed in today's rapidly changing healthcare environment. Through the efforts of hundreds of active volunteers, AHRA brings information about the most current and complex topics to its members and interested others.

For more information about AHRA and the CRA examination, visit <http://www.ahraonline.org> or call the AHRA office at 978-443-7591 / 800-334-2472.

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