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2004 Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) Spring Exam Application Deadline Approaches *Application Deadline to sit for the April 17, 2004 CRA exam is March 26, 2004*

(Sudbury, MA, March 19, 2004) – The Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) examination will be administered in computer-based format on Saturday, April 17, 2004 at approximately 200 CompUSA Testing Centers located in 41 states. In order to have an applicant's eligibility reviewed for the CRA examination, the CRA exam application must be postmarked by March 26, 2004 for the Saturday, April 17, 2004 Exam Administration.

Eligibility is based on a point system, with 7 points needed to sit for the exam. Points are earned through education, experience and/or credentials. Experience is defined as management, supervisory, or administrative experience in radiology or medical imaging with responsibility for three of the five management areas (domains): *Human Resource Management, Asset Resource Management, Communications & Information Management, Fiscal Management and Operations Management*. Applicants must have at least 1 point earned through education or have a minimum of 10 years experience without an education point. Experience is related to human radiology only.

The CRA exam will consist of 185 questions and tests a candidate's knowledge in the five management areas noted above. Approximately 30% of the questions will be based on knowledge, 40% will test application skills (i.e. problem solving), and 30% will be analysis.

The exam is scored on a pass/fail basis. All candidates taking the exam will receive a diagnostic report that shows how they fared in each management area. To maintain the credential, Certified Radiology Administrators will need to obtain 36 continuing education credits every three years.

The cost for the exam 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, whose pledge of \$1 million to fund this exciting new program for radiology administrators to become certified, earning them the credentials CRA: Certified Radiology Administrator.

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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