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2005 Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) Exam Dates Announced *Spring administration held at approx. 125 testing centers; Annual Meeting Administration in August*

(Sudbury, MA, January 13, 2005) – The American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA) announced today the dates for the 2005 Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) examination.

The CRA examination will be administered in computer-based format on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at approximately 125 CompUSA Testing Centers located in 34 states. There will also be an administration of the CRA exam, in paper-and-pencil format, at AHRA's 33rd Annual Meeting & Exposition on Saturday, August 6, 2005 San Antonio, TX.

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 test 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 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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