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Pelkey Joins HARI as Director of Government Relations

CRANSTON, RI – February 21, 2013 - Cecelia F. Pelkey, Esq. has been named director of government relations at the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI), where she will lead HARI's member services in the areas of government affairs.

Pelkey most recently worked as legal counsel to two chairs of the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Health. Previously, she served as counsel to the New York State Senate, Council on Health Care Financing and provided legal counsel and policy analysis its members, members of the Senate Majority, and Senate Task Force on Medicaid Reform. She also has experience in private practice, with law firms in Albany and Charlotte.

Pelkey is a graduate of Hartwick College with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. She was awarded a Masters of Public Administration from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy at the University at Albany, State University of New York. She received her law degree from Western New England University, School of Law. She has been admitted to practice law in Rhode Island, New York and Massachusetts.

She resides with her family in Barrington, Rhode Island.

Founded over a half century ago, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island is a statewide trade organization that assists member hospitals in effectively meeting the health care needs of Rhode Island, through advocacy, representation, education and services. HARI members work collaboratively to improve the quality of care delivered and address issues threatening access to health care including increasing health costs, rising medical liability premiums and decreasing reimbursement. HARI members work together to ensure that all Rhode Islanders will receive comprehensive, high quality health care.

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