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## **Pelkey Promoted to Vice President, Government Relations**

**CRANSTON, RI – August 7, 2013** - Cecelia F. Pelkey, Esq. has been named vice president, government relations at the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI).

Pelkey, who joined HARI in January 2013 as director of government relations, last worked as legal counsel to 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. In her Senate roles, she provided legal counsel and legislative, budget and policy analysis to members of the Senate majority. She also has experience in other practice areas, with law firms and businesses in Albany and Charlotte, N.C.

Pelkey is a graduate of Western New England University, School of Law, and is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island, New York and Massachusetts. She was awarded a Masters of Public Administration from the State University of New York. She is also a graduate of Hartwick College with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

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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