



Governance Report ★ May 2017

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Medicare Recognition of the Radiologist Assistant

Massachusetts Radiologic Technologist Licensing regulations now recognize Radiologist Assistants (RA) and Nuclear Medicine Advanced Associates (NMAA). Please take a few minutes to support the RAs by contacting your federal legislators and asking them to co-sponsor the current bills to obtain Medicare recognition.

It's easy to do, just follow the link below to submit a pre-formatted message and tell your legislators that radiologist assistants play a very valuable role in health care and should be recognized by Medicare. It is up to us to convince our senators and representatives to support these bills. As a direct result of Medicare's current policy RAs are losing their jobs and universities are on the verge of suspending or terminating their radiologist assistant programs. Without Medicare's recognition of RAs, the profession is in peril.

- [S.B. 769](#)
- [H.R. 1904](#)

[Write your representative & senators now!](#)

ARRT To Stop Issuing New QM Credentials

We wanted you to be aware of a recent decision made by the ARRT Board of Trustees to discontinue issuing new Quality Management (QM) credentials. Please click the link below to access a news release that details the rationale behind the decision, and also explains options for R.T.s that currently hold the QM credential as well as those who are in the process of obtaining it.

[ARRT Press Release—May 15, 2017](#)

ASRT Award for Advocacy Winners Named

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists has awarded the 2017 ASRT Award for Advocacy to The Kentucky Society of Radiologic Technologists Inc. and The New Hampshire Society of Radiologic Technologists, along with **Patricia Willett, B.S., R.T.(R)(CT)**, and Brandy Cusson, R.T.(R). Established in 2003, the program recognizes two affiliate societies and two individuals for outstanding legislative advocacy efforts performed on behalf of the radiologic science community. The winners are selected from nominations submitted by ASRT members.

From the ASRT website



Patricia Willett, B.S., R.T.(R)(CT), an integral part of the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists' legislative committee, was nominated for her advocacy efforts. Willett was a select member of the Radiation

Control Department special committee to revise and update the state's medical imaging and radiation therapy licensure regulations. She has testified in the state capitol against a number of bills that would grant nurse practitioners, physician assistants and podiatry assistants the authority perform medical imaging procedures. Moreover, Willett is responsible for creating and distributing call-to-action messages and monitoring legislative and regulatory activities in Massachusetts.

We are very fortunate to have Pat participating on the MSRT Board of Directors & appreciate everything she does for the society & technologists across the state.