AMENDMENT TO REGULATION 29: GOVERNING RADIOLOGY ASSISTANTS/RADIOLOGY PRACTITIONER ASSISTANTS

- B. Provide proof of successfully passing the Registered Radiologist Assistant examination by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or provide proof of licensure in Arkansas by 2007 as a RA or RPA through the Division of Ionizing Radiation at the Arkansas State Department of Health.
- C. Be at least 18 years of age.
- D. Provide the names and signatures of the supervising and alternate supervising radiation practitioners licensed to practice in the State of Arkansas who agree to supervision of the RA or RPA under the terms of these Rules and Regulations.
- E. Provide a practice-specific document delineating the specific procedures and tasks to be performed by the RA or RPA in each facility utilized, including the level of supervision to be provided by the supervising licensed radiation practitioners.
- F. Pay a licensure fee of \$75.00 to the Board with the application for the initial permit. The supervising and alternate supervising radiation practitioners must sign the application form that they have read the Rules and Regulations and will abide by same, including disciplinary actions pertaining to the RA or RPA and themselves.
- G. Pay a renewal fee of \$60.00 with the annual renewal form for a permit and a copy of the practice privileges for each facility where the procedures are performed. The supervising and alternate supervising radiation practitioners must sign the renewal form that they have read the Rules and Regulations and will abide by same, including disciplinary actions pertaining to the RA or RPA and themselves.
- H. A request must be submitted for Board approval of any changes in supervising or alternate supervising radiation practitioners, and for any changes to the practice-specific document delineating the specific procedures and tasks to be performed by the RA or RPA in each facility utilized, including the level of supervision to be provided by the supervising licensed radiation practitioner(s).

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The RA or RPA may perform the tasks and functions as approved by the Board AND for which practice privileges have been secured at each facility where the procedure is performed.

Prescriptive authority for medications and images interpretation are expressly prohibited. Initial observation of the images by the RA and RPA may be communicated only to the supervising radiation practitioner. The RA and RPA may communicate the radiologist's interpretation to other care providers.

IV. THE PRACTICE-SPECIFIC DOCUMENT

The practice-specific document is to be completed and signed by the RA or RPA and the supervising licensed radiation practitioner supervisor. The practice-specific document must be accepted and approved by the Arkansas State Medical Board prior to the licensure of the RA or RPA. Any change in the practice-specific document shall include the following: