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To: Approved California Radiologic Technologist (RT) Schools

Subject: Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) Accreditation and RT School Curriculum Requirements

The Radiologic Technology Act (Health & Safety Code (HSC) Section 114840, *et. seq.*) requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to provide for the approval of schools for radiologic technologists. HSC Section 107050 allows CDPH to consider accreditation, approval, or certification of the school by other agencies or organizations if CDPH finds that accreditation, approval, or certification was granted on the basis of standards that will afford the same protection to the public as the standards provided by the Radiologic Technology Act or its implementing regulations.

The CDPH Radiologic Technology Certification Committee (RTCC) has established two subcommittees to provide advice on current RT school regulatory requirements including curriculum, and a third subcommittee to advise CDPH on delegation of school approval processes to third party accreditation organizations. The current regulations for RT School approval have not been revised for many years. CDPH remains committed to work with the RTCC and its subcommittees to review the existing regulatory requirements for approved RT Schools, to consider third party accreditation, and to promulgate regulatory revisions as needed. This discussion will be continued at the upcoming RTCC meeting in Sacramento on September 26, 2007.

CDPH recognizes JRCERT accreditation has been adopted by other states as meeting a standard of protection to the public. Approved RT schools that are accredited by JRCERT may not meet specific California regulatory requirements; however, those schools may follow standards that afford the same protections to the public as provided for by California law and regulations. In order to avoid unnecessary interruptions and hardships to the RT schools and students, and to allow RTCC time to review and propose any necessary changes to regulations governing RT school approval, CDPH will, until January 1, 2011 or until such time as revised RT school approval regulations are promulgated, consider current JRCERT accreditation sufficient to meet RT school curriculum requirements found in Title 17, California Code of Regulation, Sections 30421 and 30422. During the RTCC subcommittee review process and through January 1, 2011, CDPH will consider the JRCERT accreditation to afford the same protection to the public as the standards provided by the RT Act or the regulations

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adopted pursuant thereto as provided for in HSC Section 107050. CDPH will continue to perform school inspections on RT school requirements other than curriculum as part of the RT school program.

Thank you for your support of the RT School Program. If you should have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Ms. Frieda Taylor, at (916) 650-6702.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary W. Butner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "B".

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