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CARE Bill Congressional Hearing Scheduled

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Health has scheduled a hearing on the [Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence \(CARE\) in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy bill](https://www.asrt.org/main/standards-regulations/asrt-advocacy-and-you/care-bill-background) (<https://www.asrt.org/main/standards-regulations/asrt-advocacy-and-you/care-bill-background>), H.R. 2104, for June 8 at 10 a.m. in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill.

The CARE bill, supported by 35 health care organizations, would set federal education and certification standards in the Medicare program for the technical personnel providing, planning and delivering medical imaging and radiation therapy treatments. Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., introduced H.R. 2104 in the House of Representatives in June 2011, and it currently has 123 cosponsors.

The hearing, titled “Examining the Appropriateness of Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technologists,” will include testimony from representatives from the ASRT, American Society for Radiation Oncology and SNM. The Subcommittee on Health will announce its complete list of witnesses prior to June 8.

ASRT Chief Executive Officer Sal Martino, Ed.D., R.T.(R), FASRT, CAE, will testify on behalf of ASRT. “This is a great opportunity for the ASRT and other radiologic science organizations to educate the Subcommittee on Health and other lawmakers on how the CARE bill will improve educational standards for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals and ultimately improve patient care,” said Dr. Martino. “We hope that the hearing, coupled with our ongoing advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill, will help get the bill passed this congressional session.”

The hearing will be broadcast live at <http://energycommerce.house.gov/>.

About ASRT

The ASRT represents more than 145,000 members who perform medical imaging procedures or plan and deliver radiation therapy. The Society is the largest radiologic science association in the world. Its mission is to advance the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession and to enhance the quality of patient care.