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**VACCHI NAMED MEMBER OF HBMA PACIFIC REGION ADVISORY BOARD**

HRA president and CEO Anthony S. Vacchi, Jr., CHBME, was recently designated a member of the Healthcare Billing Management Association's (HBMA) Pacific Region Advisory Board. The regional advisory group represents 120 members throughout California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Arizona and will be responsible for providing input to the national organization. The Pacific Region is one of six regions with a total of 600 HBMA members.

Founded in 1993, the Healthcare Billing & Management Association (HBMA) is the only trade association representing third-party medical billers. HBMA members process physician and other provider claims integral to the health care delivery system. They not only bill for medical services, but also frequently perform all of the physician's administrative functions. Three out of the four HBMA members are expanding their business to include accounts receivable management, consulting and practice management services.

Constant changes in Medicare, Medicaid, private health insurance legislation and regulations make it essential for third-party billers to maintain a presence in Washington, D.C. The HBMA was created to work with and educate Congress and the Administration on issues affecting third-party billers.

HBMA members typically provide services to specialty physician groups and primary care practices and process Medicare, Medicaid, and private health insurance claims. A typical HBMA member processes approximately 20,000 claims per month, totaling \$20 million per year; some do much more. The association is deeply involved in legislative and regulatory issues affecting physicians, Medicare, Medicaid and the managed care industry.

HRA Medical Management, Inc. is a healthcare billing, consulting and data management firm specializing in the optimization of the reimbursement process for emergency, trauma and hospitalists physicians. Headquartered in San Diego, CA, HRA processes more than 45,000 claims per month, totaling \$144 million per year.

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