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Souza Joins HARI as Vice President, Finance

CRANSTON, RI – March 5, 2009 - Michael R. Souza has been named vice president, finance at the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI), where he will direct HARI's member services in the areas of hospital finance, data collection and analysis, and reimbursement. Souza comes to HARI from Signature Healthcare in Brockton, MA, where he served as corporate controller and was responsible for the accounting, reporting and control functions of the corporation's various entities. He also served as director of financial planning at Landmark Medical Center and oversaw the budget, reimbursement, decision support and financial analysis functions of the hospital.

Souza was awarded a Master of Science management degree by Bridgewater State College. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in humanities and social sciences from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

He resides in Dartmouth, MA with his wife and two children. Souza is active in his local community including prior service to the Fairhaven School Committee, Massachusetts Association of School Committees and Fairhaven town meeting representative. He is also a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

Founded over a half century ago, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island is a statewide trade organization that assists member hospitals in effectively meeting the health care needs of Rhode Island, through advocacy, representation, education and services. HARI members work collaboratively to improve the quality of care delivered and address issues threatening access to health care including increasing health costs, rising medical liability premiums and decreasing reimbursement. HARI members work together to ensure that all Rhode Islanders will receive comprehensive, high quality health care.

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