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**AAAHC Names Noel M. Adachi as New President & CEO**

*Adachi brings more than three decades of health care technology and management experience*

**(Skokie, Ill.)** September 5, 2017 – The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) announced the appointment of Noel M. Adachi, MBA, as president and chief executive officer, effective September 5. Adachi will maximize her expertise in medical innovation, growth management, and executive leadership in her new role with AAAHC.

Adachi has spent 32 years in health care with a focus in medical device and association management, with more than 20 years in executive positions across a variety of departments including marketing, sales, strategic planning, and international business development. Within these roles, Adachi has been involved in key initiatives, helping to drive new product development, process improvements, IT system capability design, and website functionality.

"Noel Adachi has the industry and leadership knowledge to drive growth and innovation while improving health care quality through effective accreditation," said Kenneth M. Sadler, DDS, MPA, chair of the AAAHC Board. "Her experience in successfully building and sustaining new initiatives will be key for AAAHC as we launch into new areas of growth and development."

Adachi joins AAAHC after a 21-year tenure at the College of American Pathologists (CAP), where she was instrumental in driving growth in many key areas: quality improvement through accreditation, proficiency testing, education, and other clinically-relevant performance measurement tools. When CAP expanded to international markets, Adachi took on the role of Vice President, International, where she substantially grew the CAP's market presence to a profitable, and still-growing, adjunct to the organization's already established U.S. base.

"I am proud of my accomplishments as a 'builder' of new strategies, execution plans, and organizational reshaping efforts that have delivered accelerated, profitable growth to allow organizations to prosper," said Adachi. "AAAHC is entering a critical time in development and opportunities, and I am confident in my abilities to help accelerate growth and innovation throughout the organization."

Since its inception in 1979, AAAHC has maintained that a voluntary, peer-based, consultative and educational survey process is the most effective way to help an ambulatory health facility meet high quality standards. The AAAHC accreditation process includes an on-site review by expert surveyors who have decades of experience as health care professionals – from physicians, dentists, and nurses to medical directors and administrators.

"The changes in the health care landscape worldwide make accreditation ever more important as patients increasingly are involved in selecting where they go and why, and as governments and providers are under increased pressure to "prove" their quality is superior," said Adachi. "I look forward to continuing the AAAHC history of successful quality improvement and patient

care-focused accreditation programs as we expand our products and services to meet the evolving needs of the industry.”

Adachi’s responsibilities at AAAHC also will include leading the Institute for Quality Improvement, the organization’s department founded to address the quality improvement requirements of AAAHC accreditation; and growing the AAAHC International division Acreditas Global.

Adachi received an undergraduate degree in mathematics from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, and an MBA from Northwestern University’s J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

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### **About AAAHC**

AAAHC (Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care), founded in 1979, is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation with more than 6,000 organizations accredited. We accredit a wide range of outpatient settings including ambulatory surgery centers, office-based surgery facilities, endoscopy centers, student health centers, medical and dental group practices, community health centers, employer-based health clinics, retail clinics, and Indian health centers, military and bureau of prisons health treatment facilities among others.

AAAHC advocates for the provision of high quality health care through the development and adoption of nationally-recognized Standards. We provide a valuable survey experience founded on a collaborative, consultative, educational approach to peer-based, on-site review. The AAAHC Certificate of Accreditation demonstrates an organization’s commitment to provide safe, high quality services to its patients. It is recognized by third party payers, medical professional associations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies, and the public.

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