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**AAAHC Receives Accreditation from International Society for Quality in Health Care  
External Evaluation Association**

*Accreditation exemplifies 1095 Strong philosophy*

**(Skokie, Ill.)** October 21, 2020 – The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) was recently awarded a 4-year accreditation of its health care Standards from the International Society for Quality in Health Care’s (ISQua) External Evaluation Association (IEEA) International Accreditation Programme (IAP). As the industry leader in ambulatory health care accreditation, with this award, AAAHC further demonstrates the rigor and relevance of its standards development processes on a global level.

Launched in 1999, the IEEA IAP is a rigorous assessment process that reviews existing accreditation standards and processes to confirm they meet international industry requirements for patient safety and ongoing quality improvement. Operating in more than 60 countries, the IEEA IAP provides third-party external evaluation services to health and social care external evaluation organizations and standards developing bodies around the globe. To visit the IEEA website, click [here](#).

“We are excited to have the AAAHC Standards recognized by the IEEA IAP—this award further demonstrates our commitment to establishing best practices in ambulatory health care worldwide,” said Noel M. Adachi, MBA, president and CEO of AAAHC. “ISQua accreditation complements our six-year CMS Deemed Status recognition and provides AAAHC with an opportunity to grow from the largest accrediting body for US ambulatory health care into an international organization providing guidance and best practice for patient-centric care across the globe.”

The IEEA IAP accreditation encourages growth and development through an ongoing review process that includes a comprehensive self-assessment against ISQua principles, intense peer review evaluation of standards and supporting evidence by ISQua surveyors, and an in-depth validation review by the IEEA Accreditation Council.

“The IEEA IAP accreditation process aligns with the AAAHC *1095 Strong, quality every day* philosophy focused on ensuring ambulatory facilities are meeting high-quality standards not just on the day of their survey, but each day throughout their three-year accreditation cycle,” said Ira Cheifetz, DMD, AAAHC board chair. “By holding our organization to the same expectations as those we accredit, we guarantee the ongoing development of peer-reviewed, evidence-based standards and educational resources for health care organizations worldwide.”

For more information on AAAHC accreditation, please visit [www.aaahc.org](http://www.aaahc.org).

### **About AAAHC**

Founded in 1979, AAAHC is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation, with more than 6,100 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/Tribal health centers, 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 peer-based, educational approach to onsite review. The AAAHC Certificate of Accreditation demonstrates an organization's commitment to providing safe, high-quality services to its patients—every day of the 1,095-day accreditation cycle. It is recognized by third-party payers, medical professional associations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies, and the public. For more information on AAAHC, please visit [www.aaahc.org](http://www.aaahc.org).

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