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**AAAHC's *Achieving Accreditation* Conference Centers on Facing the Future Together ...
1095 Strong**
*Educational Conference Enables More Human Connections
and Community-Centric Opportunities.*

(Skokie, Ill.) November 12, 2020 — The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) welcomes organizations to attend its second virtual *Achieving Accreditation* conference of the year. Taking place December 7-10, the interactive, immersive conference is designed to help organizations learn about and prepare for their AAAHC survey while developing a deeper understanding of AAAHC Standards. The program will be led by highly qualified faculty and surveyors whose expertise enables deep dives into the Standards and the accreditation process from start to finish.

Scheduled activities feature opportunities to connect with Accreditation Services team members and visit virtual booths that are targeted to primary care or ambulatory surgery and procedural centers. Ongoing engagement and survey readiness to support AAAHC's *1095 Strong quality every day* philosophy is the driving force behind *Achieving Accreditation*. Additionally, the conference will offer attendees the opportunity to virtually meet one-on-one with faculty and peers, promoting greater information transfer and networking opportunities.

"We encourage all attendees to take advantage of the virtual, one-on-one face time that *Achieving Accreditation* will offer using a specially designed online platform," said Noel Adachi, MBA, president and CEO of AAAHC. "Having the opportunity to connect with people organically, ask questions, and discuss the Standards in more detail with peers as well as the AAAHC staff will help spread best practices and inspire organizations to continue their mission of improving health care quality through accreditation."

Additionally, December's conference will provide live panels, break-out sessions, and a comprehensive review of the recently launched v41 Standards. Content will be tailored to the needs of primary care and surgical/procedural organizations. Other sessions will include:

- Strengthening Your Quality Improvement Journey
- Core and Adjunct Standards
- Preparing for Your Accreditation Survey
- Understanding Life Safety Codes
- Keynotes, Special Topics, and engaging virtual activities

“This educational conference is designed to have attendees leave with actionable next steps to better their organization’s overall quality of care provided,” said Hallie Brewer, senior vice president of learning and development at AAAHC. “*Achieving Accreditation* is the ideal conference for any organization seeking to obtain the necessary tools and resources to provide excellent health care or those looking to brush up on the Standards.”

The December conference sessions will be recorded and available on-demand for attendees to access through January 2, 2021.

For additional details about the program, including CEUs, AEU, and online registration, please visit www.aaahc.org/achieving.

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 on-site 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.

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