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**AAAHC's Proven Expertise in Ambulatory Care Drives September *Achieving Accreditation***  
*Flagship Program Offers Guidance for Quality Improvement and Accreditation Readiness*

(Skokie, Ill.) August 16, 2021 — The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) invites organizations to attend its virtual *Achieving Accreditation* conference taking place September 13-15. The virtual education conference provides organizations with trusted, expert guidance for an intensive overview of how AAAHC Standards can be applied to maintain ongoing accreditation compliance and quality improvement (QI) efforts.

The September conference will feature panels and breakout sessions, small group collaboration, and opportunities to ask experts about a variety of topics related to Standards, policies, processes, and QI initiatives. In addition, the program enables a flexible schedule allowing participants to attend live and recorded sessions on demand. Instant access to self-paced content in the week prior to and 30 days after the event, optimizes the opportunity for participation. Attendees may also earn continuing education hours, including up to 19 CEUs, 15.0 AEU, and 2.0 IPCHs.

“Our goal is to encourage and influence improvements in the health care delivery system by offering a proven, engaging educational event that prepares everyone to face the future together,” said Noel Adachi, MBA, president and CEO of AAAHC. “*Achieving Accreditation* helps prepare ambulatory organizations for today’s challenges and patient care demands. AAAHC is a trusted leader in this complex and quickly evolving industry with proven experience in supporting efforts to stay accreditation ready all 1,095 days of the accreditation term.”

Expert AAAHC faculty and surveyors will lead immersive sessions designed for currently accredited organizations and those that are new to the process, with content curated to meet the needs of primary care and surgical/procedural organizations. In addition to presentations covering the v41 Standards and QI implementation, the three-day *Achieving Accreditation* conference will address:

- Advanced infection prevention
- Clinical records
- Facilities and environment
- Mental health in the workplace
- Anesthesia care services
- Surgical and related services

- Life Safety Code
- Medicare Deemed Status

“Hosted by a committed, experienced staff and a distinguished team of surveyors, *Achieving Accreditation* is uniquely suited to address the needs of a growing variety of health care settings and circumstances,” said Hallie Brewer, senior vice president of Learning and Development at AAAHC. “The collaborative, peer-driven approach provides attendees with insights to help understand and apply AAAHC Standards within their organizations, as well as the tools, resources, and education for driving quality improvement efforts.”

For additional details about the program, including CEUs, AEU, and online registration, please visit [www.aaahc.org](http://www.aaahc.org).

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### **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, along with specialized programs including Advanced Orthopaedic Certification and Patient-Centered Medical Home Certification, demonstrates an organization’s commitment to providing safe, high-quality services to its patients—every day of the 1,095-day accreditation cycle. AAAHC Accreditation and Certification Programs are recognized by third-party payors, 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).