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Tenured AAAHC Faculty and Expert Surveyors to Lead Virtual Conference for Ambulatory Practices

Robust Agenda Features Standards Guidance, Quality Improvement Award Winners

(Skokie, Ill.) July 11, 2022 — On August 1-3, 2022, the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) will host its summer 2022 *Achieving Accreditation* virtual conference. The flagship event is designed to provide essential insights for currently accredited primary care facilities, office-based surgery centers, and ambulatory surgery centers, as well as organizations seeking to gain an understanding of AAAHC Standards and accreditation readiness.

The immersive, three-day *Achieving Accreditation* conference offers participants an in-depth review of practical applications to AAAHC Standards, including an introduction to the new v42 Standards and related terminology. Using a blend of live discussion groups and video sessions, *Achieving Accreditation* provides physicians, clinical managers, nurses, and administrators the opportunity to polish their existing skillsets while gaining up-to-date guidance on Standards in preparation for initial accreditation or reaccreditation and to stay accreditation ready throughout the *1095 Strong* journey.

“Participants attend our highly regarded *Achieving Accreditation* conference with questions and the desire to connect with peers,” said Noel Adachi, MBA, president and CEO of AAAHC. “AAAHC expert faculty and staff guide attendees through essential content in a collaborative format creating the foundation for the *1095 Strong, quality every day* philosophy with relevant insights and a host of new peer contacts.”

Led by esteemed AAAHC faculty and surveyors, attendees will gain experience through tailored quality improvement (QI) workshops, group collaboration, and a variety of interactive peer panels and elective breakout sessions led by industry experts. August sessions will cover a wide range of relevant topics including promoting workplace mental health, advanced infection prevention, and Life Safety Code.

As an added value, virtual conference attendees will have 24/7 access to learning opportunities that will extend beyond the event, with select program content available in the days leading up to *Achieving Accreditation*. Plus, the entire conference recording will be available for one month

after the event for participants interested in delving deeper on their own time. *Achieving Accreditation* participants can receive up to 15 AEU's, 2 IPCH (Infection Prevention Contact Hours), and up to 17.5 CEUs.

The August *Achieving Accreditation* conference will also feature a special presentation to unveil the winners of the coveted 2021-22 *Bernard A. Kershner Innovations in Quality Improvement (QI) Award* and People's Choice Award.

"As a former co-winner of the Kershner QI Award, I can appreciate each and every finalist and their focus on improving patient safety through noteworthy quality improvement studies in their organizations," said Julie Lynch, MS, BSN, RN, director, Institute for Quality Improvement. "Everyone will want to participate in the unveiling of our 2021-22 Kershner QI Award winners."

To round-out this year's robust lineup of educational seminars and events, AAAHC will host a live, in-person *Achieving Accreditation* conference on December 2-3, 2022 at the Red Rock Las Vegas. "AAAHC looks forward to welcoming industry members back with two-days of engaging, onsite instruction," added Adachi.

For additional details about the *Achieving Accreditation* program, including online registration and a complete session agenda, please visit www.aaahc.org/Achieving.

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About AAAHC

Founded in 1979, AAAHC is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation, with more than 6,600 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.