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**Elevate Your Quality Improvement Journey at the Live December  
*Achieving Accreditation* Conference**

*Live December Program Reunites Ambulatory Health Care Colleagues with Expert  
Faculty to Ready Participants for AAAHC Standards*

(Skokie, Ill.) October 18, 2022 — December 2-3, 2022, the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) will host its flagship *Achieving Accreditation* conference live and in-person at Red Rock Resort & Spa in Las Vegas. After nearly three years of virtual *Achieving Accreditation* programs, the two-day event will facilitate and encourage a sense of community, with fresh approaches to build relationships, engage in face-to-face discussions, and learn through shared experiences.

AAAHC faculty and staff will lead immersive sessions designed for currently accredited organizations and those who are new to the process, with curated content tailored to meet the needs of primary care and surgical/procedural organizations. With opportunities to connect with experts on AAAHC Standards and delve into quality management and improvement (QI) strategies, *Achieving Accreditation* attendees will find a sense of community while elevating their health care quality journey.

“After a few years of the virtual meeting format, AAAHC returns to onsite *Achieving Accreditation* for onsite education,” said Noel Adachi, MBA, president and CEO of AAAHC. “We are leaning into the opportunities to connect in a live environment throughout our conference programming. Our two-day conference will help attendees build relationships and engage in discussions with other organizations seeking to improve the quality and consistency of care they provide by implementing AAAHC’s *1095 Strong, quality every day* philosophy.”

Placing small group collaboration at the forefront, December *Achieving Accreditation* features lunch and learns, peer panels, and elective sessions designed to help attendees gain valuable guidance on relevant topics in the ambulatory health care space. The robust agenda covers a broad range of topics, including risk management and safety, infection prevention and control, promoting workplace mental health, COVID-19 considerations, and Life Safety Code. Additionally, participants can receive AEU, IPCH (Infection Prevention Contact Hours), and CEUs.

The onsite conference will also feature special networking engagements for attendees new to their role in accreditation and for those looking to explore the AAAHC Advanced Orthopaedic Certification program. Attendees will also celebrate with the 2021-22 *Bernard A. Kershner*

*Innovations in Quality Improvement (QI) Award* winners and review their award-winning QI studies.

“Live *Achieving Accreditation* creates a safe space for reuniting after an absence of in-person events,” said Director of AAAHC Institute for Quality Improvement, Julie Lynch, MS, BS, RN. “Our conference helps attendees build relationships, learn alongside colleagues, and gain insights with subject matter experts one-on-one. After two days of immersive learning, conference attendees will meet as strangers and leave as friends.”

For additional details about the onsite December *Achieving Accreditation* program in Las Vegas, including online registration and a complete session agenda, please visit [www.aaahc.org/Achieving](http://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](http://www.aaahc.org).