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**AAAHC Prepares Clients for v42 Standards at *Achieving Accreditation***  
*Standards Updates Reflect the Best Practices and Guidance for Maintaining  
MDS and Ambulatory Accreditation*

**(Skokie, Ill.)** November 8, 2022 — Upholding its ongoing commitment to the improvement of the patient care environment, Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) announces the release of its v42 Standards Handbooks for Medicare Deemed Status (MDS) and Ambulatory Accreditation. The updated editions provide guidance for health care providers seeking practical knowledge of changes to relevant Standards in the specific ambulatory settings for their organizations. Revisions in the v42 handbooks introduces new terminology and streamlines Standards architecture across all programs.

“For more than 40 years, AAAHC has provided facilities with relevant Standards and education for improvement of the patient care environment,” said Noel Adachi, MBA, president and CEO of AAAHC. “Our v42 Standards reflect the collaborative efforts of a large team of experts, including our surveyors, and address input from accredited organizations that put these Standards into action every day. The handbooks are the guiding resource for the accreditation journey and allow organizations to perform targeted and continuous assessments of their practices throughout the 1,095 days of the accreditation term.”

In keeping with its commitment to ongoing self-assessment and improvement, AAAHC updates its Standards regularly to reflect proven developments in medicine, technology, and specialty practice. Updated v42 Standards align AAAHC programs and include valuable insights from AAAHC surveyors and Standards Development Committee, along with client organizations, partners, and staff.

“AAAHC Standards Handbooks exemplify AAAHC’s *1095 Strong, quality every day* philosophy, a call-to-action to equip ambulatory leaders with the best of what they need to operationalize quality practices,” added AAAHC Immediate Past Board Chair Edwin Slade, DMD, JD. “The refined v42 Standards present clear guidance and the latest direction for upholding and maintaining compliance to accelerate improvements in quality of care.”

Attendees of the upcoming sold out *Achieving Accreditation* conference in Las Vegas on December 2-3, 2022 will gain insight on v42 Standards changes and connect with AAAHC staff in a face-to-face setting to answer questions.

Those interested in purchasing the latest AAAHC Handbooks now have the option to preorder a printed copy of the v42 MDS or Ambulatory Handbook. The v42 Standards are expected to be released December 12, 2022 with an effective date of March 1, 2023.

AAAHC continues to update Standards for other programs, including Advanced Orthopaedic Certification and Patient-Centered Medical Home, with updates to Health Plans and Health Plans FEHB expected in mid-2023. For more information on the latest Standards updates or to purchase the v42 Standards Handbooks, please visit <https://www.aaahc.org/v42Standards>.

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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).