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AAAHC Publishes Toolkit for Credentialing and Privileging

Revised Resource Provides Guidance to Streamline and Improve Essential Process

(Deerfield, Ill.) June 28, 2023 – The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) has released a newly updated and enhanced *Credentialing and Privileging Toolkit*. The new resource is designed to demystify and provide guidance on the design and implementation of an effective credentialing and privileging process.

“The updated toolkit serves as a guide for all health care organizations that need to establish or reengineer their credentialing and privileging program,” said Julie Lynch, director of the AAAHC Institute for Quality Improvement. “These are meticulously outlined processes that health care organizations must implement to establish and validate the services, procedures and treatments different providers may perform. These processes demonstrate the organization’s dedication to ensure their providers have the education, training, and experience necessary to provide quality patient care and ensure patient safety.”

Current and prospective AAAHC clients from both primary care and surgical/procedural organizations can use the tool to help them evaluate and/or establish efficient and standardized credentialing and privileging processes. Highlights include definition of responsibilities and roles, insight into appropriate workflow and checklists required, and information on special circumstances to consider, which may vary by organization type.

Content also addresses who does and does not need to be credentialed and privileged, who performs the process, and detailed steps on how to begin the process.

“The *Credentialing and Privileging Toolkit* serves as our guide in navigating the evolving landscape of health care, ensuring that only qualified practitioners with demonstrated expertise and experience are granted the privilege to deliver care,” said Noel Adachi, MBA, president and CEO of AAAHC. “With the updated toolkit, we can demonstrate the *1095 Strong, quality every day* philosophy and emphasize the importance of quality practices and client readiness throughout the 1,095 days of the accreditation cycle.”

Learn more about the various AAAHC toolkits here: <https://store.aaahc.org/toolkits>. Additional information on AAAHC programs, products, process, client education, history, governance, and surveyors can be found at [AAAHC.org](https://www.aaahc.org).

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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.