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**AAAHC to Showcase Excellence in Ambulatory Care at December Conference**  
*In-Person Program Highlights Six Kershner Award Finalists*

**(Deerfield, Ill.)** October 30, 2024 — The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) announces its flagship *Achieving Accreditation* conference takes place in person Dec. 12-13, at Red Rock Resort and Spa in Las Vegas. The two-day event will present an in-depth examination of AAAHC Standards and accreditation readiness with a focus on quality improvement (QI) and guidance on relevant ambulatory topics, as well as the implementation of *1095 Engage* and the announcement of the *Bernard A. Kershner Innovations in Quality Improvement Award* winners. Registration is limited, and we anticipate a sold-out event.

Core to AAAHC's commitment to supporting ambulatory health care organizations in their *1095 Strong* journey, *Achieving Accreditation* will prominently feature the integration of *1095 Engage*. This uniquely designed accreditation management system empowers health care organizations to pursue excellence by providing single-source operations solutions.

Noel Adachi, MBA, president and CEO of AAAHC, highlighted the success of the *Achieving Accreditation* program, stating, "Participants truly value the networking opportunities and the chance to learn from fellow quality-focused colleagues and expert faculty. It keeps getting better! The program is robust and immersive, promoting our *1095 Strong* philosophy by equipping attendees with essential tools and resources to ensure quality care and compliance throughout the entire 1,095 days of the accreditation term."

December's *Achieving Accreditation* program offers a unique opportunity to connect, collaborate, and build lasting relationships through interactive discussions, networking sessions, and engaging activities. Participants will gain quality improvement strategies and learn about compliance with the latest AAAHC Standards from expert faculty and staff.

At the December program, AAAHC will also celebrate more than 20 years of Kershner QI Award winners by highlighting this year's finalists and announcing the two Kershner Award winners and two People's Choice Awards winners in the categories of Primary Care and Surgical/Procedural.

"Our December *Achieving Accreditation* conference is more than just an event, it's a transformative experience for health care professionals that exemplifies our ongoing dedication to QI in ambulatory health care," said Julie Lynch, director of the Institute for Quality Improvement at AAAHC. "The conference environment promotes collaboration and networking opportunities regardless of whether you are new to accreditation or are knowledgeable in the

1095 *Strong* journey, like our Kershner Award finalists. We look forward to celebrating the announcement of the Kershner QI Award winners who have demonstrated successful implementation of meaningful improvements in their clinical care, patient outcomes, or operations.”

Upon completion of the program, *Achieving Accreditation* attendees will have the opportunity to earn Administrator Education Units (AEU), Infection Prevention Contact Hours (IPCHs), and Continuing Nursing Education (CNEs). In addition, registrants receive a complimentary digital version of the *Accreditation Handbook for Ambulatory Health Care (AMB)*, v43 or *the Accreditation Handbook for Medicare Deemed Status (MDS)*, v43 Standards Handbook.

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/decaa2024](http://www.aaahc.org/decaa2024).

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### **About AAAHC**

Founded in 1979, AAAHC is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation, with more than 6,700 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 and specialized programs including Advanced Orthopaedic Certification and Patient-Centered Medical Home Certification demonstrate 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).