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**AAAHC Invites Public Comment on v44 Proposed Standards Revisions**

*Proposed Updates Focus on Enhancing Patient-Centered Care, Improving Communication, and Reducing Administrative Burden*

**(Deerfield, Ill.)** February 25, 2025 — The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) invites health care professionals and stakeholders to review and provide feedback on proposed revisions to the v44 Standards for ambulatory health care and health plan programs. The Public Comment period will be open from February 28, 2025, to March 29, 2025. This initiative underscores AAAHC’s commitment to ensuring that its Standards reflect current best practices and support high-quality, patient-centered care.

AAAHC continuously works to strengthen its accreditation Standards by incorporating diverse perspectives from the health care community. The proposed revisions focus on improving patient outcomes by enhancing patient education, data collection, and scope of services while ensuring that cultural and religious considerations are respected. Additionally, the updates emphasize supporting diverse communication preferences to foster more effective patient-provider interactions.

“Our focus at AAAHC is to help organizations deliver patient-centered, high-quality care every day,” said Noel Adachi, MBA, President and CEO of AAAHC. “Public feedback on our Standards is invaluable, as it enables us to continually strengthen our approach and ensure alignment with best practices.”

The v44 Standards revisions align with AAAHC’s *1095 Strong, quality every day* philosophy, which drives quality improvement initiatives across the ambulatory health care landscape. Through this initiative, AAAHC remains dedicated to supporting organizations in delivering safe, high-quality care tailored to patients’ unique needs.

“AAAHC’s mission to improve health care quality is at the core of our Standards development process,” said Joy Himmel, Psy.D, LCPC, NCC, RN, FACHA, Board Chair. “These proposed revisions reflect a comprehensive approach to enhancing patient care, respecting cultural and personal beliefs, and ensuring that all individuals have access to the resources they need for better health outcomes.”

Health care professionals and stakeholders are encouraged to review the proposed v44 Standards revisions and submit feedback through the Public Comment form available at

[www.aaahc.org/2025PublicComment](http://www.aaahc.org/2025PublicComment). AAAHC also urges participants to share this opportunity with colleagues and professional networks to ensure broad and diverse input.

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