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**AAAHC OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR NEW GOVERNANCE UNITS**  
*Committees Provide Volunteers a Chance to Improve Health Care Quality*

(Skokie, Ill.) July 9, 2019 — The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation, is seeking enthusiastic health care professionals to volunteer for its new committees, called Governance Units. Supporting AAAHC’s *1095 Strong, quality every day* philosophy, the Governance Units will facilitate the improvement and growth of the association, advocate for patient safety, share innovative ideas and provide guidance and strategy on educational opportunities.

“We are eager to receive applicants who are dedicated to creating a better health care environment that promotes patient safety,” said Noel Adachi, MBA, CEO of AAAHC. “Following our *1095 Strong, quality every day* philosophy, committee members will help to drive excellence in the ambulatory health care industry.”

The AAAHC structure leverages volunteer expertise and energy to promote opportunities for deeper engagement. Member volunteers can share their passion and insight, while advancing their profession.

Governance Unit members will be selected based on health care experience and a balance of perspectives to support the charge of the Governance Unit and AAAHC. To be eligible for the accreditation committee and accreditation work group appointments, members must be an AAAHC Surveyor in good standing and have completed at least 10 surveys within five years, including three as a chairperson, and have successfully completed one surveyor re-training program.

“The Governance Units will help AAAHC provide peer-reviewed, evidence-based standards that are facility-specific and advance the standards of care all 1,095 days of the accreditation terms,” said Adachi.

“Participation on AAAHC committees has been a career-enriching experience for me, and an opportunity to learn new leadership skills, network with colleagues across the industry, and help define higher standards for patient care, safety and quality in an area in which I am passionate,” said Arnaldo Valedon, MD, AAAHC Board Chair.

All Governance Unit volunteer terms are for one year, and members may serve up to eight years, not necessarily consecutive, on any given Governance Unit. Terms will begin on January 1 and will end on December 31.

For additional details or to apply, visit [AAAHC Governance Unit Application Process](#).

## **About AAAHC**

Founded in 1979, AAAHC is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation, with more than 6,100 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 and supporting education and resources all founded on a peer-based, educational approach to on-site review. The AAAHC Certificate of Accreditation demonstrates an organization's commitment to providing safe, high-quality services to its patients—*every day of the 1,095-day accreditation cycle*. It is recognized by third-party payers, 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).

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