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**AAAHC Offers Transition Resources for Organizations
Seeking A New Accreditation Provider**

Webinar, Live Program Designed to Simplify and Accelerate Transition

(Skokie, Ill.) December 9, 2019 – Transitioning to a new accrediting organization can be challenging, with much to consider when making a selection. The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) has developed tools and programs to help ambulatory health care organizations better understand their options as they navigate accreditation changes.

“Collaborating with a reliable team that understands your needs and can assist in accelerating your accreditation transition is crucial,” said Noel Adachi, MBA, president and CEO for AAAHC. “With the Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ) announcing a wind-down of its operations, many organizations in California and elsewhere are choosing to transition to another accreditation partner. AAAHC stands ready to provide impacted organizations with information and resources about its accreditation programs.”

As the health care landscape continues to evolve, it is imperative that organizations stay at the forefront of regulatory understanding and compliance to ensure patient safety and ongoing quality improvement. This makes finding the right accrediting organization, that best suits the facility’s needs, a top priority.

AAAHC Standards are created and updated by experts in the ambulatory space, who bring their clinical, practice, and technical knowledge to Standards development. AAAHC surveyors are industry peers – medical and administrative professionals including registered nurses and physicians – with hands-on experience in a variety of outpatient settings and expertise in clinical and business operations.

To help ambulatory health care organizations understand the transition process, AAAHC is presenting the following live informative sessions.

- December 18, 2019, 12 pm PST: *Introduction to AAAHC* – Complimentary webinar
- December 19, 2019, 8 am–4 pm PST: *Facilitating Your Transition to AAAHC* – Complimentary live education program in Los Angeles area
- March 13-14, 2020: *Achieving Accreditation* – Live education program in Miami, FL

AAAHC Philosophy

AAAHC has redefined the approach to accreditation, implementing the transformational *1095 Strong, quality every day* philosophy, a call-to-action that equips ambulatory leaders with the best of what they need to operationalize quality practices. The *1095 Strong* initiative centers on providing accreditation tools, resources, and relevant education to bring meaningful value to organizations and promote compliance with the Standards, all 1,095 days of the accreditation term.

“The AAAHC approach to the onsite survey is educational and consultative—not punitive,” said Adachi. “Our Standards are easy to understand, and the scoring for individual elements of the Standards is transparent. We have built our reputation on serving ambulatory health care organizations and are vested in their success.”

For more information on AAAHC Accreditation resources, please visit www.aaahc.org.

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 founded on a peer-based, educational approach to onsite 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.

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