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Maryland State Board of Pharmacy Approved ACHC Inspection Services (AIS)

Cary, NC- ACHC Inspection Services (AIS) received approval by the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy to conduct inspections that fulfill non-resident licensure requirements for compounding pharmacies who want to ship into the state. Oklahoma, Ohio, Florida, and Texas have also approved AIS. Pharmacy inspections serve to validate the compounding practice according to industry standards, including but not limited to USP <797> requirements. The inspection process offers an added measure of assurance the safety and efficacy of compounded medications in the marketplace.

Accreditation Commission for Health Care's (ACHC's) broad and extensive array of pharmacy compliance solutions, including accreditation programs for sterile and non-sterile compounding, infusion, specialty, and long-term care pharmacy services positions it to be the industry's solution of choice.

"Our entire organization is committed to facilitating the highest-quality patient care and safety," said ACHC CEO, José Domingos. "We partner with pharmacies and regulatory bodies to ensure proper compounding techniques are followed, resulting in safe and effective medications. The efforts of these states to ensure the safety of compounded medications are commendable and we look forward to working with them to provide assurance to residents."

AIS assess the compounding process according to a predetermined set of criteria. AIS Inspections are conducted by licensed pharmacists who have extensive experience in the area of pharmacy compounding. Pharmacies may visit AISInspections.org to learn more about the inspection process.

ACHC is a not-for-profit accreditation organization that has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence since 1986. The organization has CMS Deeming Authority for Home Health, Hospice, and DMEPOS and a Quality Management System that is certified to ISO 9001:2008. ACHC's broad range of accreditation programs also includes Pharmacy, Sleep, Private Duty Nursing, and Behavioral Health. ACHC is the provider's choice for accreditation because of its personal Account Advisors, relevant and realistic standards, competitive pricing, and consultative approach to accreditation. Accreditation by ACHC reflects an organization's dedication and commitment to meeting standards that facilitate a higher level of performance and patient care.

For more information on ACHC's accreditation programs and educational resources, or to download ACHC accreditation standards, please visit www.achc.org or contact them at customerservice@achc.org or 855-937-2242.

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