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ACHC and CARE Support Independent Pharmacies

CARY, N.C. – Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) announced today it is renewing its partnership with CARE Pharmacies Cooperative Inc. (CARE), a nationwide member-owned cooperative of independent community and specialty pharmacies.

"ACHC and CARE Pharmacies understand the challenges independent pharmacies face in a market crowded by large chain retailers," said Dr. Jon Pritchett, ACHC Program Director. "Independent pharmacies play an important role in meeting the special needs of patients and healthcare providers in their communities. CARE is dedicated to furthering the success of these vital enterprises."

"ACHC and CARE Pharmacies are improving patient satisfaction and patient outcomes through a shared commitment to quality," said Mike Wysong, CEO for CARE Pharmacies. "By achieving accreditation, our community retail and specialty pharmacies ensure their ability to provide the kind of customer service our patients deserve."

The continued collaboration gives CARE members preferred pricing on ACHC Pharmacy Accreditation, with special discounts on ACHC Community Retail and Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation. Discounts on ACHCU educational resources that support the accreditation process also are available.

About CARE Pharmacies Cooperative Inc.

Named the Regional Drug Chain of the year in 2021 by Chain Drug Review, CARE Pharmacies offers a full range of programs and services designed to meet the dynamic needs of the independent retail or specialty pharmacy owner-operator.

Recognized by the National Retail Federation as one of the fastest growing retailers in the country, CARE has over 120 locations in 23 states and the District of Columbia. CARE's mission is a promise to its members to represent their interests, support their growth, and enable them to provide superior patient satisfaction. CARE does this to enhance the success of its member pharmacies to ensure the sustainability of community-based care.

For more information, visit www.carepharmacies.com.

About ACHC

ACHC is a recognized leader in pharmacy accreditation and offers a comprehensive suite of pharmacy accreditation and distinction options, including specialty pharmacy, infusion, long-term care, and sterile/non-sterile compounding.

With over 35 years of experience, ACHC has a history of driving success with industry-leading programs. ACHC develops solutions for healthcare providers worldwide and remains committed to delivering a customized, collaborative accreditation experience.

To learn more, email <u>customerservice@achc.org</u> or call (855) 937-2242, ext. 458.

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