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CMS Announces Renewal of ACHC Deeming Authority for Clinical Laboratories

Cary, N.C. (April 5, 2023) – Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC) reaffirms its status as a national leader in clinical laboratory accreditation with its recent renewal as an approved accreditor by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The CMS approval extends ACHC’s authority to conduct deemed status surveys and certify providers that meet or exceed requirements for clinical laboratories under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) program for all specialty and subspecialty areas under CLIA. ACHC’s renewal as an approved accreditor is valid for six years, effective March 2023 to March 2029, and has been recognized by CMS to conduct these deemed status clinical laboratory surveys since 1997.

“The CMS renewal of ACHC as a deeming authority for clinical laboratories is an important recognition that validates our long-standing commitment to quality and operational excellence,” said James Liggins, program director of the ACHC Clinical Laboratory Accreditation program. “ACHC’s support for clinical laboratories has grown deeper with the addition of our LabUniversity program reflecting healthcare professionals’ needs and industry best practices.”

Introduced last year, the ACHC LabUniversity (LabU) program delivers a focused approach in providing high-quality learning and courses for laboratory personnel at all levels, addressing individual and overall training needs. The premier Laboratory Director and IQCP courses along with other resources, such as tools to support specific aspects of regulatory compliance, are created by experts in laboratory medicine and specific laboratory disciplines.

The ACHC Clinical Laboratory Accreditation program uses standards that incorporate a real-world, collaborative approach to address needed improvements while building laboratory reputation for dependable results. Providers have access to personal account advisors, regulatory support and program-specific resources, including LabU’s educational courses.

For hospital, physician office-based, and independent clinical laboratories, ACHC offers accreditation for all testing complexities, including pathology with an educational survey approach. In addition to Clinical Laboratory, ACHC maintains CMS deeming authority for Acute Care Hospitals, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Critical Access Hospitals, DMEPOS, Home Health, Home Infusion Therapy, Hospice, and Renal Dialysis, and has a Quality Management System that is certified to ISO 9001:2015.

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