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## ACHC Renews Partnership with COA

**CARY, N.C.** – Leading accreditor Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) announced today it is renewing its partnership with the Community Oncology Alliance (COA), a nonprofit dedicated to advocating for independent community oncology practices and their patients.

“Both ACHC and COA are committed to addressing oncology pharmacy issues that may affect the delivery of oral treatments for cancer patients,” said Matt Hughes, ACHC Vice President of Community Care. “This partnership strengthens our shared focus of supporting high-quality, personalized care for cancer patients.”

“This partnership helps COA to continue delivering on its mission of ensuring patients across the country can access pharmacy care in their own communities at an affordable cost,” said Judy Alberto, Director of Clinical Initiatives, COA. “Having ACHC accreditation helps put patients at ease knowing they are getting high-quality and standardized care.”

The collaboration gives COA members, and members of its affiliate Community Oncology Pharmacy Association (COPA), special pricing on ACHC Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation and discounts on select ACHCU educational resources.

### **About the Community Oncology Alliance (COA)**

The Community Oncology Alliance (COA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for community oncology practices and, most importantly, the patients they serve. COA is the only organization dedicated solely to community oncology where the majority of Americans with cancer are treated. The mission of COA is to ensure that patients with cancer receive quality, affordable, and accessible cancer care in their own communities. More than 1.5 million people in the United States are diagnosed with cancer each year and deaths from the disease have been steadily declining due to earlier detection, diagnosis, and treatment.

To learn more about COA, visit [communityoncology.org](http://communityoncology.org).

### **About the Community Oncology Pharmacy Association**

The Community Oncology Pharmacy Association (COPA) is a network for medically integrated pharmacies located in independent community oncology and urology practices. An initiative of the Community Oncology Alliance, COPA works to ensure all patients have timely and unrestricted access to pharmacy services while overcoming an increasingly complicated operational environment. COPA is an active peer-to-peer network of practice professionals that advocate for medically integrated oncology and urology pharmacies and share strategies to help manage and maximize operations. Members have exclusive access to valuable resources, pharmacy ACHC

accreditation support, business tools, and advocacy intelligence. Representatives from all levels of the pharmacy and practice teams are invited to join COPA and connect with peers in community oncology and urology practices with medically integrated pharmacies.

### **About ACHC**

ACHC, the nation's top accreditor for specialty, infusion, and compounding pharmacy, offers a comprehensive suite of pharmacy accreditation and distinction options, including Ambulatory Infusion Center and Mail Order Pharmacy Accreditation and PCAB Accreditation for sterile and 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.

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