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ACHC Receives Renewal of Deeming Authority from CMS for Home Health Accreditation

CARY, N.C. (Feb. 21, 2025) – Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC), a nonprofit accreditation organization committed to offering exceptional service and a collaborative accreditation experience, has received continued approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as a national accrediting organization for home health agencies (HHAs). This renewal, effective until 2031, affirms that ACHC’s accreditation program meets or exceeds Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoPs) for HHAs.

“ACHC remains committed to delivering high-quality, patient-centered accreditation services that help home health providers ensure compliance with CMS requirements while driving excellence in care,” said Susan Mills, ACHC Senior Program Director. “This six-year renewal reflects our dedication to upholding the highest standards in the home health industry and supporting agencies in their mission to deliver outstanding patient care.”

Deeming authority allows ACHC-accredited home health agencies to demonstrate compliance with Medicare CoPs without undergoing routine state surveys. Instead, ACHC conducts rigorous accreditation surveys that assess HHAs on critical operational and clinical performance standards, ensuring quality and safety in home-based healthcare services.

To achieve continued CMS approval, ACHC underwent an extensive evaluation process, which included:

- A comprehensive review of ACHC’s accreditation standards to ensure alignment with federal regulations.
- An assessment of ACHC’s surveyor training and performance to ensure consistency and effectiveness.
- A comparison of ACHC’s accreditation process with CMS survey requirements, including monitoring noncompliance and responding to deficiencies.
- An analysis of ACHC’s ability to report survey findings and corrective actions in a timely manner.

With this renewed deeming authority, ACHC will continue to provide HHAs with a high-quality, customer-focused accreditation experience. ACHC’s accreditation program is designed to promote operational best practices, compliance readiness, and continuous performance improvement, ensuring home health providers can deliver safe, effective and compassionate care to patients.

“This renewal underscores the trust CMS places in ACHC to evaluate home health agencies with a thorough, fair and collaborative approach,” said Mills. “We look forward to continuing to support home health providers in meeting and exceeding quality standards.”

As demand for home care services rises congruently with the aging U.S. population, ACHC Accreditation can help providers address both challenges and opportunities. ACHC prioritizes a patient-centered approach to accreditation, giving providers a convenient, efficient way to meet regulatory requirements, enhance business operations, and

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demonstrate their dedication to a higher level of performance, patient care, and safety.

ACHC Home Health Accreditation uses program-specific standards that are easy to access and interpret. The flexible, educational approach offers providers access to personal account advisors, clinical and regulatory support, and program-specific education resources throughout the accreditation process.

For [Home Health agencies](#), ACHC offers accreditation for Home Health Aide, Medical Social Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing, and Speech Therapy services. Home Health providers that want to distinguish themselves further can obtain a Distinction in Telehealth, Behavioral Health, and Palliative Care. In addition to Home Health, ACHC maintains CMS deeming authority for Hospice, Home Infusion Therapy, Renal Dialysis, DMEPOS, Acute Care Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, Clinical Laboratories, and Ambulatory Surgery Centers, and has a Quality Management System that is certified to ISO 9001:2015.

For information about ACHC, visit www.achc.org.

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Accreditation leader ACHC is a nonprofit with 35 years of experience promoting safe, quality patient care. ACHC develops solutions trusted by healthcare providers nationwide and is committed to offering exceptional, personalized service, and a customized, collaborative accreditation experience tailored to individual needs. ACHC focuses on giving providers a positive, educational experience that continually enhances quality of care and business efficiencies.

Learn more about accreditation options from ACHC. For information on programs and accreditation pricing, please email customerservice@achc.org, call (855) 937-2242 or visit www.achc.org.

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