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## ACHC Partners with NICA to Promote Quality Patient Care

**Cary, NC** – Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) announces its partnership with the National Infusion Center Association (NICA), a nonprofit advocacy organization formed to preserve, optimize, and expand patient access to provider-administered medications. Established in 2010, NICA promotes patient access to consistent, high-quality care for non-oncology indications in safe and economical office-based care settings.

“NICA and ACHC share a commitment to enhancing patient care,” said Jon Pritchett, ACHC Program Director. “We both are dedicated to improving patient outcomes and helping infusion providers across the country demonstrate their commitment to providing the highest quality service.”

The partnership gives NICA Provider Members a customized, cost-effective option to accreditation that allows them to demonstrate a higher level of patient care and safety. NICA Provider Members can receive exclusive discounts on ACHC Accreditation services, as well as discounts on ACHCU educational resources that help providers prepare for accreditation.

“I look forward to partnering with ACHC to offer our Provider Members discounted access to an accreditation program and educational resources in an effort to reduce disparities in quality of care and practice across care settings,” said Brian Nyquist, NICA Executive Director.

NICA works to support infusion patients and their office-based care settings through advocacy, education, and resource development. It is the only organization dedicated to preserving patient access to provider-administered parenteral medications in more economical and accessible alternatives to hospital sites of care.

As a recognized industry leader, ACHC offers pharmacy accreditation programs for Ambulatory Infusion Center, Infusion, Specialty, Long-Term Care, and Sterile/Non-Sterile Compounding services. Companies seeking to distinguish themselves further also can obtain distinctions in Rare Diseases and Orphan Drugs, Oncology, Infectious Disease Specific to HIV, Nutrition Support, and Hazardous Drug Handling.

“ACHC Accreditation is based on realistic and relevant standards that meet the specific needs of in-office infusion/injection providers seeking accreditation to enhance ambulatory infusion center and/or infusion/injection services,” said Lori A. DeVito, ACHC Pharmacy Surveyor. “ACHC offers an educational, collaborative approach to accreditation and strives to give providers a positive experience every time.”

For over 30 years, ACHC has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence, and is known for providing value, integrity, and the industry’s best customer service.

With competitive pricing and a flexible, educational approach, ACHC is the provider’s choice for accreditation. Working with ACHC is not strictly about the end result. ACHC assists providers throughout the accreditation process by offering access to personal account advisors, clinical and regulatory support, and program-specific educational resources.

Accreditation by ACHC reflects an organization’s dedication and commitment to meeting standards that facilitate a higher level of performance and patient care.

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