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## **ACHC Inks Partnership Renewal with COPA**

**Cary, NC-** We strongly value both healthcare advocacy and excellence in patient care at Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC), which is why we're excited to announce the continuation of our partnership with Community Oncology Pharmacy Association (COPA).

Matt Hughes, ACHC Director of Business Development, lauded the ongoing collaboration between the organizations via ACHC's Partnership Program. COPA and ACHC have enjoyed a partnership since 2015.

"We believe in the benefits of aligning with patient-focused healthcare organizations, and we remain thrilled to call COPA one of our highly valued, dedicated partners," Hughes said. "ACHC's Partnership Program allows us to work closely with organizations like COPA that possess the same mission and objectives. We specifically strive to partner with healthcare organizations that share the goal of enhancing patient care, and that's exactly what COPA does through its community oncology advocacy and quality-enhancement programs."

COPA was formed in response to the increasing number of community cancer clinics dispensing oral cancer drugs and ancillary therapies. COPA is a nonprofit entity, under the direction of Community Oncology Alliance (COA), that has established national quality standards in partnership with ACHC and will be providing information, education, and resources, enhancing information exchange, and helping advocate for the patient-centric model of integrated, high-quality cancer care. To learn more about COPA, visit [www.coapharmacy.com](http://www.coapharmacy.com).

COA is a nonprofit organization dedicated solely to preserving and protecting access to community cancer care, where the majority of Americans with cancer are treated. COA leads community cancer clinics in navigating an increasingly challenging environment to provide efficiencies, patient advocacy, and proactive solutions to Congress and policymakers. Learn more about COA at [www.CommunityOncology.org](http://www.CommunityOncology.org).

"COPA is delighted to continue our partnership with ACHC to elevate and expand the services of oncology pharmacy for community-based patients," said Ricky Newton, director of financial services and operations, Community Oncology Alliance. "Through this agreement, we aim to continue to increase the number of patients with cancer across America who are able to receive quality, affordable and accessible pharmacy care in their own communities."

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For more information on COPA, please visit [www.communityoncology.org](http://www.communityoncology.org) or call (202) 729-8147.

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