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**ACHC Receives CMS Deeming Authority for Renal Dialysis Facilities Accreditation**

**Cary, NC-** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued Deeming Authority to ACHC for its new Renal Dialysis Facilities Accreditation. CMS came to this decision after a thorough evaluation of ACHC Accreditation standards, a review of ESRD records and an on-site evaluation of the survey process. After the on-site visit, CMS representatives commented that “ACHC’s Renal Dialysis Facilities Accreditation was well organized, documentation tools were efficient and comprehensive, deficiency statements were detailed and quantifiable, and plans of correction were fully reviewed”

With this approval, ACHC can now perform initial Medicare certification surveys for dialysis facilities, allowing new start-ups to more quickly bill Medicare and care for patients in that community. As a service under the ACHC Ambulatory Care Program, the Renal Dialysis Facility Accreditation has been tailored to specifically address the nuances present in facilities that treat patients with end-stage kidney disease.

“We are excited to bring ACHC’s vast healthcare accreditation expertise to renal dialysis facilities, benefiting both patients and providers by offering the industry’s highest quality standards at a more affordable price,” said Teresa Harbour, ACHC Director, Home Health, Hospice, Private Duty, Behavioral Health & Ambulatory Care.

The Renal Dialysis Facilities Accreditation Standards were developed in collaboration with dialysis experts and are written in a clear and concise manner with requirements that are relevant to daily operations. These standards are accompanied by interpretations which guide providers through compliance with the Medicare Conditions for Coverage (CfC). In addition, all ACHC Surveyors are Certified Dialysis Nurses with five-plus years of experience, who truly understand the dialysis industry. This should give providers confidence that they will receive a fair and comprehensive survey.

In addition, Harbour added, “ACHC has dedicated knowledgeable technical and clinical staff to assist dialysis facilities throughout the accreditation process, in order to provide the fastest route to Medicare certification.”

ACHC’s unique, educational approach to accreditation is designed to improve the quality of patient care while enhancing business efficiencies through service-specific standards and industry-based best practices. With a focus on performance improvement, risk management, and the overall patient experience, ACHC accreditation demonstrates a provider’s dedication to delivering the highest quality of care.

**About Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC)**

ACHC is an internationally recognized, nonprofit accreditation organization that has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence since 1986. The organization has CMS deeming authority for its Home Health, Hospice, DMEPOS and Renal Dialysis Facilities accreditation programs and a Quality Management System that is certified to ISO 9001:2008. For more information on ACHC, or to download ACHC Accreditation Standards, please visit [achc.org](http://achc.org) or call 855-937-2242.