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ACHC is now providing accreditation for Behavioral Health Home Care

RALEIGH, NC- The Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. is excited to announce that it is now providing accreditation for Behavioral Health Home Care (BHHC). BHHC is the integration of behavioral health interventions into traditional home care services. As the health care industry increases its focus on integration of services as a means of better managing costs and improving patient outcomes, BHHC accreditation offers organizations the opportunity to demonstrate a higher standard of care to a unique and growing patient demographic.

With its current Home Health standards serving as the foundation, ACHC developed the BHHC standards with a behavioral health focus on training, patient education, assessment, planning, and quality improvement. Organizations considering adding the BHHC Specialty Service to its existing Home Health accreditation should refer to the updated Home Health accreditation Policies and Procedures that detail the BHHC prerequisites. The standards for this new Specialty Service are under the Home Health program

ACHC is a not-for-profit organization that has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence since 1986. ACHC is also ISO 9001:2008 certified and has CMS Deeming Authority for Home Health, Hospice and DMEPOS. ACHC offers personal Account Managers, relevant and realistic standards, competitive pricing and a friendly, consultative approach to accreditation.

Home Health organizations interested in applying for ACHC's Behavioral Health Home Care accreditation can visit <http://store.achc.org> to download free standards. For more information on this Specialty Service, contact Britt Welch, Behavioral Health Clinical Manager, at 919-785-1214, ext. 233 or at bwelch@achc.org for more information.

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