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ACHC Announces Development of Behavioral Health Standards

RALEIGH, NC- The Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc., is pleased to announce the development of standards for its Behavioral Health Accreditation Program. They welcome Britt Welch to the team as the Behavioral Health Manager where he will oversee the development and implementation of standards for ACHC's newest program. Welch, a licensed therapist, has over 20 years of Behavioral Health experience. He received his BA from Louisiana State University and his MS from the University of Southern Mississippi.

The decision to offer Behavioral Health Accreditation was in response to the requests of ACHC's accredited home health providers who are also providing behavioral health services. Reflecting the broad range of behavioral health services provided, ACHC currently has scope standards for eighteen different services as well as core standards, covering areas such as business operations, fiscal management and quality improvement. Behavioral health standards could be published and ready for use as early as 2011.

ACHC is a not-for-profit organization that has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence since 1986. They are ISO 9001:2008 certified and have 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. 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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