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**Palmetto GBA (J11) & CGS (J15) Approves ACHC's Sleep Accreditation Program**

**RALEIGH, NC-** The Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC) is pleased to announce that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service's Jurisdiction 11 and 15 have added ACHC as an approved entity that may credential a free standing sleep lab. Sleep testing facilities will have the option to choose ACHC accreditation to satisfy their Medicare intermediary's requirement for Sleep Lab Accreditation. Palmetto Government Benefits Administrator (GBA) (J11) includes the states of NC, SC, VA and WV and CGS (J15) includes the states of OH and KY. By January 2012 Palmetto GBA will require sleep testing facilities to either be accredited or in the process of accreditation by an approved accreditor.

ACHC's Sleep Accreditation Program has earned approval from TrailBlazer Health Enterprises (J4) that includes the states of TX, CO, OK and NM. ACHC is also approved by Blue Cross Blue Shield of AL, AZ, CA, ID, KS, LA and TX, as well as Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of CO and Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of IA. ACHC continues to work with the other Medicare intermediaries and many private insurance companies in regard to sleep facility accreditation.

ACHC is a not-for-profit organization that has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence since 1986. This year they celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of accrediting home and community based health care organizations. 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.

If you would like to find out more information about ACHC's sleep accreditation program please call 919-785-1214. You may also visit [www.achc.org](http://www.achc.org) or send an email to [tsafley@achc.org](mailto:tsafley@achc.org).

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