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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona to Require Accreditation

RALEIGH, NC- As of October 1, 2010, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona (BCBSAZ) will require that all contracted sleep lab providers are accredited, or are in the process of accreditation, for each one of their contracted locations. The Accreditation Commission for Health Care's Sleep Lab/Center Accreditation Program is approved by BCBSAZ to meet this requirement. If this requirement is not met by the end of 2010, BCBSAZ will initiate steps to terminate contracted sleep lab providers' participation agreement. To help meet this urgent need, The Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) is offering free accreditation standards, a personal Account Manager to help with the process, a simple application for accreditation and a quick turnaround for on-site surveys. ACHC is ready and able to help all contracted sleep lab providers meet this requirement by or before the 2010 deadline.

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.

For more information, or to download free accreditation standards, please visit ACHC.org, email customerservice@achc.org or call 919-785-1214.