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ACHC Launches New Accreditation for Convenient Care Clinics

Cary, NC- Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) is pleased to announce the launch of its new Accreditation for Convenient Care Clinics. As a service under the ACHC Ambulatory Care Program, the Convenient Care Clinic Accreditation has been tailored to specifically address the nuances present in affordable walk-in clinics that are free standing or located in retail stores, supermarkets, and pharmacies. These clinics treat minor illnesses, provide preventative healthcare services, and are staffed by nurse practitioners and/or physician assistants.

“ACHC applauds organizations that are examining more cost-efficient ways of providing quality health care,” said Teresa Harbour, ACHC Program Director. “Our Convenient Care Clinic standards provide a solid base for retail clinics as they become a larger part of the healthcare delivery system.”

On April 19, 2017, WellSpan Health became the first organization to earn ACHC Accreditation for Convenient Care Clinics. WellSpan Health is an integrated health system that serves the communities of central Pennsylvania and northern Maryland. The organization comprises a multispecialty medical group of more than 1,200 physicians and advanced practice clinicians, a regional behavioral health organization, a home care organization, six respected hospitals, more than 15,000 employees, and more than 130 patient care locations. WellSpan is a charitable, mission-driven organization, committed to exceptional care for all, lifelong wellness, and healthy communities.

“Working with ACHC was an incredibly positive experience. From the time we began the survey process through the onsite, it was a collaborative process,” said Amy Lafko, WellSpan Operations Administrator. “During preparation, we could reach out for clarification and assistance to ensure we met the standards. When the Surveyor was onsite, it felt like colleagues sharing best practices. I know that the patient care we provide has reached a new level due to this survey.”

As an internationally recognized accreditation organization currently accrediting more than 16,000 locations, ACHC offers providers customized standards that are designed for the individual services rendered. ACHC Convenient Care Clinic Accreditation Standards are written in a clear and concise manner with requirements that are relevant to daily operations. The unique, consultative 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 customer experience, ACHC accreditation demonstrates a provider’s dedication to delivering the highest quality of care.

ACHC is a nonprofit accreditation organization that has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence since 1986. The organization has CMS deeming authority for Home Health, Hospice, and DMEPOS and a Quality Management System that is certified to ISO 9001:2008. ACHC is the provider’s choice for accreditation because of its personal Accreditation Advisors, 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 on ACHC’s accreditation, or to download ACHC Accreditation Standards, please visit achc.org or contact customerservice@achc.org or 855-937-2242.

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