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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 23, 2023
TO: Jon Pennell, Chairperson
State Board of Health
FROM: Cody Phinney, Administrator
Division of Public and Behavioral Health
RE: Approval of Outpatient Facility Accreditor

STAFF REVIEW

The Division has reviewed the Accreditation Commission for Health Care accreditation program for Office-based Surgery Programs to ensure it meets the minimum requirements necessary to ensure a high level of care. Staff recommends approval of this program for accreditation for Outpatient Facilities using sedation/anesthesia.

Relevant Statutory Authority

NAC 449.99942 states,

[...]

"2. An application for a permit must:

(d) Be accompanied by:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (2), proof of accreditation by a nationally recognized organization approved by the Board pursuant to NAC 449.999242; or
2. If the application is for an initial permit, evidence that the outpatient facility has applied for accreditation by a nationally recognized organization approved by the Board pursuant to NAC 449.999424.

NAC 449.999424 states,

1. An outpatient facility shall:

- (a) Not later than 6 months after obtaining a permit, submit proof to the Division of accreditation by a nationally recognized organization approved by the Board pursuant to subsection 3; and
- (b) Maintain current accreditation during the term of the permit.

3. An organization that accredits outpatient facilities and which wishes to be recognized by the Board as an accrediting organization for the purposes of this section must submit to the Division an application on a form prescribed by the Division. The Division shall review each application received pursuant to this subsection and shall forward to the Board each application and the recommendation of the Division that the Board approve or not approve the organization as an accrediting organization for purposed of this section. The recommendation of the Division must be based upon whether the applicant requires an outpatient facility to meet the minimum requirements necessary to ensure a high level of quality. The Board may approve or deny any application for recognition as an accrediting organization submitted pursuant to this subsection.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Health approve the Accreditation Commission for Health Care accreditation program for Office-based Surgery Programs.

PRESENTER:

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January 18, 2023

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Dear Mr. Shubert:

I am writing to request that the Nevada State Board of Health recognize and approve the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC) as an approved accreditor for Office-Based Surgery facilities (OBS). The OBS program was previously managed under the brand HFAP until the finalized merger in October 2020. ACHC has maintained Medicare deeming authority as well as approval by the Nevada State Board of Health for ASCs since 2003 and 2021 respectively. Additionally, ACHC is currently approved in the following states for OBS facilities:

- Arizona
- California
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Mississippi
- Massachusetts
- New Jersey
- Ohio
- South Carolina

Throughout the merger, ACHC has sustained a constant high standard for patient safety and quality of care for OBS facilities seeking accreditation, as evidenced in the PDF manual linked below:

https://www.hfap.org/pdf/Manuals/2022_Accred-Req-for-OBS_eff.01.01.2022.pdf

We look forward to working with you and should any further documentation be necessary, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



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