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Peak Vista Community Health Centers Achieves AAAHC Reccreditation

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) has been reaccredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). Accreditation distinguishes this Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC) from many other outpatient facilities through its adherence to rigorous standards of care and safety.

Status as an accredited organization means Peak Vista has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care set by AAAHC. More than 6,100 ambulatory health care organizations across the United States are currently accredited by AAAHC.

A transformational movement and call-to action, *1095 Strong*, is spearheaded by the AAAHC to equip ambulatory leaders with the best of what they need to operationalize quality practices. The three-year or 1,095-day period between accreditations, is a critical time when ambulatory health organizations, with help from proven experts, can develop the kind of everyday habits that enable leaders in the industry to provide the utmost in quality care to their patients. Organizations, such as Peak Vista, that earn AAAHC Accreditation embody the spirit of *1095 Strong*, quality every day, an ongoing commitment to high-quality care and patient safety.

While the onsite survey is an important component of the process, ongoing compliance and continuous improvement are part of the accreditation maintenance mindset that a facility should integrate into its daily activities long after the survey has been completed. The intent of accreditation is for organizations to adopt policies and procedures that fuel ongoing QI and self-evaluation every day.

“Earning AAAHC Network reaccreditation is a demonstration of the commitment we make to our patients and is in alignment with the unique culture of our organization,” comments Peak Vista’s President and CEO, Pam McManus. “We’re constantly striving to raise the bar within our organization, especially in the realm of care delivery. Achieving this reaccreditation affirms our effort to provide our patients with the highest standard of care available today.”

Ambulatory health care organizations seeking AAAHC Accreditation undergo an extensive self-assessment and onsite survey by AAAHC expert surveyors – physicians, nurses, and administrators who are actively involved in ambulatory care. The survey is peer-based and educational, presenting best practices to help an organization improve its care and services.



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About the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)

AAAHC advocates for the provision of high-quality health care through the development and adoption of nationally recognized standards. We provide a valuable survey experience founded on a peer-based, educational approach to on-site review. The AAAHC Certificate of Accreditation demonstrates an organization's commitment to providing safe, high-quality services to its patients—every day of the 1,095-day accreditation cycle. It is recognized by third party payers, medical professional associations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies, and the public. For more information on AAAHC, please visit www.aaahc.org.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Established in 1971, Peak Vista offers primary medical and dental care that incorporates behavioral health services. We proudly serve over 94,000 patients annually through 27 outpatient centers in Colorado's Pikes Peak and East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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