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The University of Maryland Health Center of College Park, MD Achieves AAAHC Accreditation

College Park, MD – May 13, 2016 – The University of Maryland University Health Center (UHC) has achieved accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). Accreditation distinguishes this Student Health Center from many other outpatient facilities by providing the highest quality of care to the University of Maryland campus community as determined by an independent, external process of evaluation.

Status as an accredited organization means the UHC has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care set by AAAHC. More than 6,000 ambulatory health care organizations across the United States are accredited by AAAHC. Not all ambulatory health care organizations seek accreditation; not all that undergo the rigorous on-site survey process are granted accreditation.

“The UHC is committed to delivering high quality, evidence-based care to our community,” stated Dr. David McBride, Director of the University Health Center. “The AAAHC accreditation process allows us to examine our care and our business processes in a way that insures that we continue to meet that goal. When you see our certificate of accreditation, you will know that AAAHC, an independent, not-for-profit organization, has closely examined our facility and procedures.”

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

The University of Maryland University Health Center, founded in 1901, provides high quality, cost-effective health care services including clinical, mental health, pharmacy, laboratory, health promotion and wellness, sexual violence education and support, and employee assistance; it is staffed by over 100 dedicated professional and support staff. Website: www.health.umd.edu, Contact: health@umd.edu.

The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, founded in 1979, is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation with more than 6,000 organizations accredited nationwide. AAAHC accredits a variety of organizations including, ambulatory surgery centers, office-based surgery centers, endoscopy centers, student health centers, military health care clinics, and large medical and dental practices. AAAHC serves as an advocate for the provision of high-quality health care through the development of nationally recognized standards and through its survey and accreditation programs. AAAHC accreditation is recognized as a symbol of quality by third-party payers, medical organizations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies and the public.