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The American University Student Health Center Achieves AAAHC Accreditation

Washington, DC – February 28, 2014 – The American University Student Health Center has achieved accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). Accreditation distinguishes this student health center from many other university health centers by providing the highest quality of care to its patients as determined by an independent, external process of evaluation. Status as an accredited organization means that the American University Student Health Center has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care set by AAAHC. More than 5,000 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.

“We believe our students deserve the best health care services,” stated Robert Hradsky, Ed.D., Assistant Vice President of Campus Life and Dean of Students at American University. “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. It means we as an organization care enough about our patients to strive for the highest level of care possible.”

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.

“Going through the process challenged us to find better ways to serve our patients, and it is a constant reminder that our responsibility is to strive to continuously improve the quality of care we provide,” Hradsky said.

The American University Student Health Center provides medical services to all students enrolled in credit-bearing courses at AU. The doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses and patient care representatives work to make students’ university experience a healthy and productive one. Services include preventative services, assistance with urgent or chronic health problems, and psychiatric care.

The **Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care**, founded in 1979, is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation with more than 5,000 organizations accredited nationwide. AAAHC



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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.

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