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Patient Safety Data Reporting

Dear Medical Director:

As you are aware, data is a critical component of modern healthcare and is one of the most distinguishing features of the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF) accreditation program. Patient Safety Data Reporting, often referred to as Peer Review, has been a part of the AAAASF process for almost half of this organization's 40-year history. We are writing to you because your organization is one that AAAASF considers to be large, and therefore benefits from an exemption to the number of random cases AAAASF traditionally required to be submitted.

The information produced by the collected data has contributed to numerous academic studies and publications, formed the basis for innumerable conversations with regulators and legislatures as to the relative safety of ambulatory care, and been the catalyst for revisions to accreditation standards that have not only improved patient safety but also provided facilities with more reasonable processes to handle patient care that would have been impossible to achieve without robust data.

AAAASF has recently renewed and strengthened its own commitment to utilize this data to advance ambulatory healthcare and provide a demonstrable and measurable level of safety in all AAAASF accredited clinics. Therefore, beginning with cases conducted on January 1, 2020, AAAASF will require that all facilities, regardless of size, submit the minimum number of random cases, three for each operating physician every three months (or all cases if fewer than three were performed by that physician), as well as all unanticipated sequelae. Waivers or exceptions to the approved process will no longer apply.

The online reporting system is now open at all times to allow real time data entry, which may be more convenient for large organizations such as yours. This letter is intended to provide you with adequate notice of the process and to best facilitate your entry of the required cases. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is any way we can be of service.

Please add support@aaaasf.org and helpdesk@aaaasf.org to your contacts list to receive important reporting emails. If you have any questions regarding the completion of your peer review, please contact the Help Desk at 224-643-7704 or email helpdesk@aaaasf.org.

Sincerely,

American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities



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