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San Francisco, California – June 26, 2023 – Student Health Services at San Francisco State University (SFSU) has been accredited by the **Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)**. Accreditation distinguishes this student health center from many other outpatient facilities through its adherence to rigorous standards of care and safety.

Status as an accredited organization means Student Health Services at SFSU has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care set by **AAAHC**. More than 6,600 ambulatory health care organizations across the United States are currently accredited by **AAAHC**.

1095 Strong is a transformational movement and call-to action 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 Student Health Services at SFSU, that earn **AAAHC** Accreditation embody the *1095 Strong, quality every day* philosophy, 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.

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.

Student Health Center's staff of 51 is committed to providing SF State students with equitable access to health and well-being through basic medical services. The team at Student Health Services is dedicated to ensuring that every student who walks through the doors receives personalized care and attention from highly trained medical professionals. From physicians and nurses to administrative staff, every member of the team is passionate about helping students achieve their health goals and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Student Health Services strives to create a welcoming and inclusive environment that promotes the physical, emotional, and social well-being of every student on campus.

About AAAHC

Founded in 1979, AAAHC is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation, with more than 6,700 organizations accredited. We accredit a wide range of outpatient settings, including ambulatory surgery centers, office-based surgery facilities, endoscopy centers, student health centers, medical and dental group practices, community health centers, employer-based health clinics, retail clinics, and Indian/Tribal health centers, among others.

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 onsite review. The AAAHC Certificate of Accreditation, along with specialized programs including Advanced Orthopaedic Certification and Patient-Centered Medical Home Certification, demonstrates an organization's commitment to providing safe, high-quality services to its patients—every day of the 1,095-day accreditation cycle. AAAHC Accreditation and Certification Programs are recognized by third-party payors, medical professional associations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies, and the public. For more information on AAAHC, please visit www.aaahc.org.