ACOAP recognizes excellence on the part of Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) by assessing network infrastructure and exchange connectivity in the areas of confidentiality and privacy, technology processes, and security. In addition, the accreditation program focuses on technical performance, business processes, and resource management, as well as other key performance metrics to establish a “trust” environment with all of an ACO’s stakeholders.

The Value of Accreditation to Accountable Care Organizations

Today’s ACOs have taken the lead in driving the value-based care model and placing the importance of improving patient outcomes above all else. Our accreditation model strengthens the data exchange platforms that make those clinical successes possible by giving a third-party ‘stamp of approval’ to those ACO stakeholders who have demonstrated the secure management of protected health information and can provide assurances to their overall corporate integrity and trust between entities.

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Ensuring Integrity of ACO Best Practices

EHNAC’s ACOAP serves as an industry validation, providing your stakeholders with third-party assurance in both the management of protected health information (PHI) and an ACO’s overall corporate integrity. In summary, the ACOAP is:

- **Transparent**: ACOAP provides independent evaluation of your organization’s ability to provide for a secure, high-quality and efficient, exchange network.

- **Flexible**: Like many of our accreditation and recognition programs, ACOAP has been developed through a consultative and consensus-driven process that incorporates public comment and pilot testing.

- **Respected**: Building stakeholder trust is critical to the success of any ACO, and ACOAP provides that third-party oversight. ACOAP meets the needs of patients, consumers, private purchasers and public payers, as well as many other stakeholders in the ACO community.

- **Relevant**: ACOAP aligns with the expectations of providers, consumers and private and public purchasers (e.g., Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [CMS] programs, including the Medicare Shared Savings Program [MSSP] and [Pioneer]) and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), addressing HIPAA, HITECH including Omnibus Rule, ARRA and ACA legislative reform provisions as applicable.

- **Progressive**: EHNAC revises and updates its accreditation criteria regularly, reflecting clinical advances, incorporating evolving stakeholder needs, addressing new healthcare legislative mandates, and continuously improving program administration for realistic healthcare exchange solutions.

*EHNAC offers two accreditation programs related to Accountable Care Organizations. 1.) ACOAP is designed for the organizations themselves; 2.) OSAP-ACO is for ACO technology providers. While the programs are similar, ACOAP includes criteria related to their governance structure, how they administer their ACO to a region or community, ACO-specific government requirements, etc.*

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**Trust Is Everything in Healthcare**

When privacy, security and confidentiality of healthcare data is on the line, a trusted name is a game-changer in today’s marketplace. EHNAC accreditation has been trusted and respected in the industry for more than 25 years.