

A Brief Comparison of Accreditation Programs

Please refer to each organization's individual Accreditation program policies for complete, detailed Accreditation program information

ORGANIZATION	National Urgent Care Center Accreditation Program (NUCCA)	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Accreditation for Ambulatory Care (JCAHO)	Urgent Care Association of America (UCAOA)
PRE-REQUISITES	Previous or existing accreditation by another accrediting agency is not required to earn Accreditation through the NUCCA Accreditation program.	Previous or existing accreditation by another accrediting agency is not required to earn Accreditation through the JCAHO Accreditation program.	Previous or existing accreditation by another accrediting agency is not required to earn Accreditation through the UCAOA Accreditation program.
ACCREDITATION FEES	Accreditation fees start at \$1,800.00. Pricing is based on the number of clinic locations an organization operates. See http://ucaccreditation.org/assets/NUCCA_Application_for_Urgent_Care_Center_Accreditation.pdf for full pricing information.	Accreditation fees start at \$3,540.00. The cost of accreditation is based on the on-site survey fee PLUS an annual fee each year of the accreditation cycle. Annual fees are based upon the size (e.g.: number of sites of care) and annual patient volumes of an organization. See http://www.jointcommission.org/assets/1/18/AHC_Med-Urgent-Care_pricing14.pdf for full pricing information.	Accreditation fees start at \$300.00 for clinics that are UCAOA members and are currently Joint Commission Accredited + UCAOA Certified. The Initial Accreditation Survey starts at \$2,000.00 for UCAOA members, \$2,500.00 for non-members. See http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.ucaoa.org/resource/resmgr/Accreditation_Docs/UCAOA_Accreditation_Pricing_.pdf for full pricing information.
ANNUAL FEES	No annual fees.	\$2,130.00 - \$4,810.00 annual fee (annual fee depends on the number of annual visits).	No annual fees.
POSTPONING SURVEY	There are no fees to postpone an on-site survey (travel change expenses may occur).	If one of the "Accepted Reasons for Postponement of Initial Surveys" are not met – the Urgent Care Center pays a minimum fee of \$2,000.00.	There are no fees to postpone an on-site survey.* *Travel change expenses may occur
LOCATION SURVEY	The survey takes approximately four hours per location for the average-sized clinic. There are no additional fees when reviewing multiple clinic locations.	Typically, on-site surveys are conducted by one surveyor for two days.	Pricing assumes that clinics are regionalized for travel between them. Additional per diem fee if more than a day is required for on-site surveys.
EARLY SURVEY	The Early Survey Program (ESP) is for medical practices that are newly constructed and operational for six months or less.	Early Survey Option available (call 630-792-5286 or email ahcquality@jointcommission.org for information).	Organizations may seek accreditation up to six months prior to opening their first clinic (startup organization).
EARLY SURVEY ADDITIONAL FEES	No additional fees for applying under the Early Survey Program (ESP).	Early Survey Option available (call 630-792-5286 or email ahcquality@jointcommission.org for information).	Pricing for an early opening accreditation application includes a \$200 surcharge for first site +\$50 for each additional site.
ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	Unless a center is found to have areas of improvement during the survey, no additional evaluations or surveys are necessary for the duration of Accreditation.	The Three Years Between On-Site Surveys <u>Intracycle Monitoring (ICM) Process:</u> The Intracycle Monitoring (ICM) process helps accredited organizations maintain peak performance throughout the three-year cycle of accreditation. Facilitating this process is the ICM Profile – a comprehensive extranet workplace – that provides resources and tools to help identify risk points of standards compliance. Focused Standards Assessment (FSA) is an electronic self-assessment tool used to identify and correct performance areas not in compliance with the standards before the next on-site survey. At approximately 12 and 24 months after a triennial survey, an accredited organization is required to perform an FSA and submit any findings along with corrective actions to ensure continuous compliance. "TouchPoint Conference Call" is an optional conference call held annually with Joint Commission's Standards Interpretation Staff (and others as needed) to review an organization's performance and ensure continuous progress.	Once accreditation is attained, no additional reporting, monitoring or review is necessary until reaccreditation is scheduled.

Information current as of December 2014. Interested parties should consult the individual organizations for the most current data available. The National Urgent Care Center Accreditation Program is not responsible for any errors or omissions.