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SkinCare Physicians Achieves Maximum Term of AAAHC Accreditation

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts – July 9, 2013 – SkinCare Physicians has achieved the maximum three-year term accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). Accreditation distinguishes this dermatology practice from many other outpatient facilities 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 Skincare Physicians 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 patients deserve the best,” stated Christine Foley, COO of SkinCare Physicians. “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,” said Foley.

SkinCare Physicians is a comprehensive, state-of-the-art center for cosmetic and laser surgery, dermatology, dermatologic and skin cancer surgery, and medical aesthetics. The doctors at SkinCare Physicians are internationally renowned innovators and leaders in all of these fields, and the academic accomplishments of this group of physicians is respected throughout the world. They are authors or co-

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authors of more than 1000 articles in scientific publications, authors or editors of more than 250 books and book chapters, and serve as editors or on editorial boards of more than a dozen journals. Our physicians have been elected or appointed to senior leadership positions in dermatology, cosmetic surgery, laser, and surgery organizations, and have been awarded honorary memberships in many national and international medical and scientific societies.

Our commitment to excellence, along with the credentials of our skilled physicians and staff, are what make SkinCare Physicians one of the most unique and progressive facilities of its kind in the world.

*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 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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