



Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council

HLAC ACCREDITS 50 LAUNDRIES; 20 MORE SIGNED FOR INSPECTION

Laundries that receive accreditation from the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council meet the industry's highest quality and safety standards

FAIRWAY, KS, Aug. 28, 2008— Two years since opening for business, 50 healthcare laundries have received accreditation from the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC). Another 20 are in the process of preparing for the inspection that will qualify them for accreditation.

“We’re proud to reach this milestone,” says HLAC Chair Judy Reino. “As operators and their healthcare clients begin to understand the benefits of accreditation — assurance that the highest quality and safety standards are being met — momentum for accreditation is growing across the country. Hospitals are already beginning to specify accreditation in their bids for laundry service.”

HLAC’s mission is to publish high standards for laundering healthcare textiles, and to provide an inspection and accreditation process that recognizes those laundries that meet these high standards. The decision to become accredited is completely voluntary.

The primary benefit of accreditation is that an independent third party has inspected your facility and found that it meets or exceeds the highest standards for processing healthcare textiles. A laundry cannot inspect and accredit itself and its customers generally do not have the time or expertise to conduct inspections.

The HLAC accreditation process was developed with several industry groups, including:

- Association of Linen Management (ALM)
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
- American Reusable Textile Association (ARTA)
- International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM)
- Textile Rental Services Association (TRSA)

For more information on HLAC and the benefits of accreditation, check the HLAC website at www.hlacnet.org.

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