Accreditation Denial Appeals

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What to have ready

Gather these before the introductory call:

- The denial or decision letter, with its date, since ACHC counts its 30-calendar-day period from that date (ACHC Accreditation Process [1227], Office-Based Surgery, revised 07/20/2023 [https://www.achc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Accreditation_Process-Office-Based_Surgery.pdf], page opened October 3, 2026).
- The decision category the accreditor assigned, as stated in its decision letter.
- The Deficiency Assessment Report or equivalent findings list, since an ACHC appeal identifies the contested standards by reference to that report (ACHC [1227] [https://www.achc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Accreditation_Process-Office-Based_Surgery.pdf], page opened October 3, 2026).
- The date your organization received the Deficiency Assessment Report, since the ACHC Dispute Process runs 10 calendar days from receipt (ACHC [1227] [https://www.achc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Accreditation_Process-Office-Based_Surgery.pdf], page opened October 3, 2026).
- The full submission as sent, including policies, procedures and evidence files.
- Records of the documents the survey team saw, since an ACHC appeal can rely only on those (ACHC [1227] [https://www.achc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Accreditation_Process-Office-Based_Surgery.pdf], page opened October 3, 2026).
- All correspondence with the accreditor during the review.
- Any Plan of Correction submitted, with its evidence and dates (ACHC [1227] [https://www.achc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Accreditation_Process-Office-Based_Surgery.pdf], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Confirmation that nothing is owed to ACHC and that any installment arrangement is up to date, since ACHC will not grant an appeal while money is owing, including on an arrangement that has fallen behind (ACHC [1227] [https://www.achc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Accreditation_Process-Office-Based_Surgery.pdf], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Any new evidence created since the decision, kept separate from the submitted record.
- The name of the person who will sign and send the appeal.