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**AUPHA ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF BYLAWS AMENDMENT VOTE RECOGNIZING
ALL SPECIALIZED ACCREDITORS**

Washington, DC, August 17, 2022 – The Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) announces that, effective immediately, AUPHA recognizes all program and school/college level (not university or institutional level) specialized accreditors recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) or recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), or with ISO international certification. Any graduate program member explicitly included in the self-study and formal findings of recognized specialized accreditors is now eligible for AUPHA Full Graduate Membership and all benefits that accrue with full membership.

Recognition of specialized accreditors further positions AUPHA as the expansive, bold, and all-inclusive home for academic programs in healthcare management and leadership, health services, and health policy. The vote, unanimous by AUPHA's Board of Directors, followed by a 98.5% affirmative vote by AUPHA's Full Program Members, reflects the organization's philosophy and commitment towards diversity and inclusion, along with their global views.

"If we are to ever achieve the health system and healthcare that our fellow citizens need and deserve, it will take graduates of all types of degree programs in healthcare management and health policy from across the fields of business, health sciences, public administration and policy, public health, and the other health professions," said Dan Gentry, PhD, MHA, President and CEO of AUPHA. "This change in eligibility for Full Member Graduate Program status amplifies AUPHA's place as the 'big tent' for healthcare management and leadership and health policy education."

“The recognition of all specialty accreditors is an important step for AUPHA, the practice environment, and the health management and health policy education fields. Allowing accredited programs across the higher education landscape to participate in the association as full members will encourage a diversity of perspectives and enrich the exchange of ideas,”” said Jason S. Turner, PhD, Rush University, and Immediate Past Chair of AUPHA. “I am very excited about the future of our fields and believe AUPHA is well positioned to provide benefits to practitioners, our students, and our members.”

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AUPHA is a global network of colleges, universities, faculty, individuals, and organizations dedicated to the improvement of healthcare delivery through excellence in healthcare management and policy education. Its mission is to foster excellence and innovation in health management and policy education, and scholarship. It is the only non-profit entity of its kind that works to improve the delivery of health services – and thus the health of citizens – throughout the world by educating professional managers at the entry level. AUPHA’s membership includes the premier baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral programs in health administration education in the United States, Canada, and around the world. For more information, please visit www.aupha.org.