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Founded in 1966, CARF is an international, independent, non-profit accreditor of human service providers and networks. The CARF group of companies includes CARF International, CARF Canada, and CARF Europe.

## CARF's mission

CARF's mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of persons served.

## What is Accreditation?

When a program or service is CARF-accredited, it means your organization has passed an in-depth review and meets rigorous CARF guidelines for service and quality—a qualified endorsement that it conforms to internationally-recognized person-centered service standards and is focused on delivering the most favorable results for the persons it serves.

Accreditation promotes active, dynamic planning that is focused on outcomes and impact to stakeholders.



## Accreditation areas

CARF accredits medical rehabilitation programs in a variety of settings and specialty areas, including:

- Comprehensive Integrated Inpatient Rehabilitation
- Outpatient Medical Rehabilitation
- Home and Community Services
- Residential Rehabilitation
- Vocational Services
- Interdisciplinary Pain Rehabilitation
- Occupational Rehabilitation
- Independent Evaluation Services
- Case Management

## Specialty program accreditation

- Pediatric Specialty
- Amputation Specialty
- Brain Injury Specialty
- Cancer Rehabilitation Specialty
- Spinal Cord Specialty
- Stroke Specialty

Full program descriptions available at:  
[www.carf.org/Programs/Med/](http://www.carf.org/Programs/Med/)



# Why Choose CARF?

CARF accreditation is a partnership between CARF and the service provider. The peer-review survey process is consultative rather than prescriptive and is a valuable resource to address many of the challenges facing providers. In addition to internationally recognized standards for programming and service delivery, CARF has robust standards for business practices. Known as ASPIRE to Excellence<sup>®</sup>, these standards support organizations' efforts to build their foundation and sustain and grow their business.

Organizations that have participated in a CARF accreditation survey demonstrate:

- A higher degree of internal quality.
- Greater involvement of persons served in their services.
- Increased cohesion among staff members at all levels within the organization.
- Enhanced status of the accredited

Special benefits of CARF accreditation:

Elevate your Inpatient Rehabilitation Program's score in *U.S. News & World Report* and *Newsweek* rankings

Enhance growth and development through internal feedback when rehab team members become CARF surveyors

