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OPTIMAE EARNS THREE-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION

NOVEMBER 20, 2015 (DES MOINES, IA) — CARF International announced that Optimae LifeServices has been accredited for a period of three years for its community integration, supported employment and job development programs.

The latest accreditation is at least the fifth consecutive three-year accreditation Optimae has received from the international accrediting body, CARF.

"Receiving this accreditation is a result of the hard work and dedication of our employees," said William Dodds, president of Optimae Lifeservices. "It reinforces Optimae's commitment to delivering quality services that make a difference in our customers' lives."

The accreditation represents the highest level of recognition awarded to an organization and shows substantial conformance to CARF standards. An organization receiving a three-year accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable and of the highest quality.

Optimae LifeServices is a health care and human services employee-owned organization spread across 28 counties in Southeastern and Central Iowa. It has been providing services for nearly 30 years.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. For more information about the accreditation process, please visit the CARF website at <u>www.carf.org</u>.

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About Optimae LifeServices

Optimae LifeServices, Inc. provides healthcare and human services for individuals with disabilities and mental illness in 28 Southeastern and Central Iowa counties. For nearly three decades, we have equipped our customers with supports and services that encourage choice, empowerment and community integration. Our programs include community-based, behavioral health, home health and residential care services. We advocate for the rights and needs of more than 3,100 Iowans each year, providing the quality of care we would want for our own family.