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OPTIMAE EARNS THREE-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 (DES MOINES, IA) — Optimae LifeServices announced today it has received a threeyear re-accreditation from CARF International for its community integration, supported employment and job development programs.

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

"Receiving this accreditation is a result of the hard work and dedication of our employees," said William Dodds, Optimae president and chief executive officer. "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 also 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.

"This achievement is an indication of your organization's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served," said Brian Boon, CARF president and CEO, in the organization's letter to Optimae announcing the accreditation.

Optimae LifeServices provides health care and human services to individuals across more than one-third of the state. The company helped more than 5,200 lowans last year, its 30th year in business.

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 health care and human services for individuals with disabilities and mental illness from 39 Central, Eastern and Southern Iowa counties. For more than 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, rehabilitation and residential care services. We advocate for the rights and needs of more than 5,300 Iowans each year, providing the quality of care we would want for our own family.