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## OPTIMAE WELCOMES NEW PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT, ADDS TELEPSYCHIATRY SERVICES TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM IN SOUTHEASTERN IOWA

**November 2, 2018 (DES MOINES, Iowa)** – Optimae LifeServices announced today it has added a new physician's assistant to its behavioral health division in Southeastern Iowa, which adds telepsychiatry services to the region.

Mike McGee, PA-C, brings more than 40 years of experience in the medical field to his role as a psychiatric medication prescriber for Optimae. He provides psychiatric diagnostic and medication management services in person and via telepsychiatry.

"Optimae is delighted to have such an experienced, skillful and personable prescriber available to help people in Southeastern Iowa achieve their mental health goals for happier, healthier lives," said Tracy Liptak, LISW, regional behavioral health director for Optimae Behavioral Health Services in Southeastern Iowa.

Prior to joining Optimae, Mr. McGee practiced acute psychiatry, geriatric psychiatry and psychiatry consultations for patients in surgical service and outpatient service units at Veterans Affairs hospitals in the Midwest. He served for over a decade in a family practice and urgent care setting. Mr. McGee also provided history and physical examinations, discharge summaries and medical coverage in an inpatient psychiatric clinic in Des Moines for nearly a decade.

Mr. McGee is a graduate of the St. Louis University and Washington University interinstitutional physician assistant program.

Appointments can be made by calling 641.472.5771 in Fairfield or 319.385.8051 in Mount Pleasant. Mr. McGee plans to begin offering services in Burlington in January and appointments can be made there by calling 319.237.1732.

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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.