

CARF: Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

The following information may or may not be appropriate to your clinical setting. Please review the information and determine the appropriateness of the content prior to sharing with your staff.

Eligible for LMS Credit: Yes

The Value of Quality through Accreditation: Demonstrating a specific commitment to the highest quality of care for our patients and families.

- By reducing risk, addressing health and safety concerns, and respecting cultural and individual preferences.
- By opening service delivery and business processes to the outside scrutiny of internationally recognized standards of practice.
- By building continuous improvement processes into daily work flow that will enhance the lives of our patients, families, personnel, and others touched by our work.

Organizational Commitment: All Kindred Hospital Rehabilitation Services (KHRS) ARU/IRF sites are strongly encouraged and assisted to become CARF accredited.

- Over 55 CARF accredited locations within the Kindred family.
- Dedicated Kindred CARF Implementation and Mock Survey team is in place to guide a facility through the CARF accreditation process.
- CARF surveyors often seek employment with Kindred Hospital Rehabilitation Services (KHRS) in various roles.
- CARF accreditation preparation and survey management is provided for all KHRS sites.

CARF Accreditation Conditions:

- CARF requires 6 months of standards use and service provision prior to the site survey.
- CARF requires that the organization provides records, reports, and additional information, as requested by CARF.
- CARF requires that a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) be submitted within 90 days following notice of accreditation.
- CARF requires that an Annual Conformance to Quality Report (ACQR) be completed each year following a 3 Year Accreditation.
- CARF requires that any changes in Leadership, Ownership, Relocation, Acquisition, Merger, Programs accredited, or additional significant events be communicated within 30 days of occurrence through customerconnect.carf.org.
- CARF Accreditation standards for Comprehensive Integrated Inpatient Rehabilitation apply to ARU/IRF and LTACH settings, while OP settings have the option of accreditation by CARF using Out Patient standards. Accreditation standards exist for specialty programs including Amputation, Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, Stroke and Cancer Rehabilitation.

What Do I Need To Know to Plan and Prepare?

- KHRS supplies the most recent CARF Standards Manuals to you in your IRF/ARU each February. The new standards are active July 1st through June 30th of each calendar year. The CARF standards manuals have additional details and resources on how to apply, timelines required to meet accreditation requirements for scheduling your surveys, as well as specific program standards.
- Many CARF resources are available on our CARF Resource site on Knect [*Knect>Rehab Division>Clinical Services, Hospital>IRF Clinical Services> CARF*] including:
 - Policies and Procedures, updated annually to meet annual review requirements.
 - Annual Standards Worksheets (Defines each of the standards and supporting documents to meet each standard. Demonstrates which standards are new, which standards require written documentation, which standards must be completed within a time frame.)
 - Specific Competencies required by CARF:
 - Cultural Diversity Competency
 - Spinal Cord Injury Competency
 - Brain Injury Competency
 - Stroke Competency
 - Limb Loss Competency
 - Templates for specific plans and survey organizational needs:
 - Face sheets for building standards files and binders in electronic or hard copy versions.
 - Rehab Leadership Monthly Meeting Agenda
 - Performance Improvement Plan
 - Cultural Diversity Plan(s)
 - Disclosure Statement + Scope of Service Templates
 - Technology Plan
 - Accessibility Plan
 - Risk Management Plan
 - Medical Director Standards Review
 - Medical Director Position Description
 - Medical Director CV template
 - Portable Medical Profile Templates

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