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CARF International announced that MECCA SERVICES has been accredited for a period of three years for its substance abuse and mental health treatment programs.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a 3 -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.

Founded in 1969, MECCA SERVICES provides a full continuum of substance abuse services to Iowans, including prevention and early intervention, evaluation, detoxification, outpatient and residential treatment, halfway and transitional housing, and case management. As a behavioral health organization, MECCA also addresses mental health issues and other addictive behaviors, such as problem gambling and tobacco use. With locations in Des Moines and Iowa City, and satellite offices in surrounding counties, MECCA provides services to more than 5,000 Iowans each year.

"MECCA is honored to receive this accreditation because it embraces the values of accountability and responsibility to our mission, clients and staff," said Ron Berg, CEO. "We will use the CARF standards as a guide to excellence as we continue to provide and expand our services."

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, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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