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Dear Ms. O'Keefe,

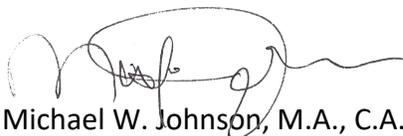
I am writing in response to your inquiry of CARF International (CARF) a group of companies that includes CARF Canada and CARF Europe, which is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services. Through accreditation, CARF assists service providers in improving the quality of their services, demonstrating value, and meeting internationally recognized organizational and program standards.

The CARF website contains the ability to search for accredited organizations by state. The details listed on our website include the name of the organization, the programs of accreditation, the location, and the accreditation decision. Unfortunately, more specific information such as all populations served, the number of beds, and the ASAM level of care offered are not generally available.

This will be changing in the future with regards to programs that obtain certification as described below. In June, 2020, CARF announced it had entered into a partnership with the American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and that the [ASAM Level of Care Certification](#) has launched nationwide. CARF is now accepting applications for certification for addiction treatment programs, and ASAM is offering quality improvement resources to treatment programs interested in attaining certification. The CARF website contains a search of certified providers and the ASAM level(s) of care for which they are certified. However, the only currently certified providers listed on the CARF website with an identified ASAM level of care are primarily those that participated in the pilot programs that led to this new certification which are very limited in number, with only two programs being located in Illinois.

Additionally, I have worked for 38 years in the field of behavioral health and substance use disorder with accredited facilities located around the country. It has been my experience that such a comprehensive list of providers tied to ASAM levels of care you wish to obtain does not exist. Also, it has been my experience that each state approaches licensing of substance use disorder facilities differently and it is difficult to compare the levels of treatment provided from state to state and none accurately and effectively identify the level of care.

Thank you for your inquiry, and please let me know if there is additional information you require.



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