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## **FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION PROGRAM EARNS THREE-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION**

**FREDERICK, MD --** CARF International announced that the Frederick County Health Department's Behavioral Health Services Division has been accredited for a period of three years for its Outpatient Mental Health Clinic. This is the first accreditation that the international accrediting body, CARF, has given to the mental health clinic.

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

The Behavioral Health Services Division is a program of the State of Maryland with offices at 350 Montevue Lane. It has been providing mental health clinical services at the Health Department since 1935.

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 and continuous improvement services that center 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 [www.carf.org](http://www.carf.org).

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