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# News Release

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## **LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER AWARDED THREE –YEAR COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF REHABILITATION FACILITIES (CARF) ACCREDITATION**

Lebanon, Pennsylvania. On July 23, 2010, CARF International announced that the Lebanon VA Medical Center was awarded accreditation for a period of 3 years for its Health Care for Homeless Veterans, Consolidated Work Therapy/Transitional Rehabilitation and Vocational Rehabilitation, Psychosocial Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (PRRTP), Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (SARRTP), Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (PRRC) and Vision Rehabilitation Services programs.

This is the first 3-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded the Lebanon VA Medical Center for PRRTP, SARRTP, PRRC and Vision Rehabilitation Services programs. Previously, only the Health Care for Homeless Veterans, Consolidated Work Therapy/Transitional Rehabilitation and Vocational Rehabilitation programs were accredited by CARF.

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. "In receiving these 3-year accreditations in all our behavioral health services, Lebanon VA has displayed transparency of our operations through a rigorous peer review process by an external team of surveyors which concluded that our programs and services are of the highest quality, are measurable, and accountable," said Robert W. Callahan Jr, Director of the Lebanon VA. Dr. Piro Rjepaj, Associate Chief of Staff for Behavioral Health Services said, "I am extremely proud of the hard work our staff has accomplished to receive this outstanding honor and recognition. All our behavioral health and rehabilitation services are now accredited at the highest level by external organizations."

Lebanon VA Medical Center is a not-for-profit government organization located at 1700 South Lincoln Ave, Lebanon, PA. The facility has been providing Health Care for Homeless Veterans, Consolidated Work Therapy/Transitional Rehabilitation and Vocational Rehabilitation, PRRTP, SARRTP, PRRC and Vision Rehabilitation Services programs in the Lebanon area since the late 1990s.

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.

Veterans interesting in enrolling in health care services at the Department of Veterans Affairs, should call the Enrollment Office at 717-272-6621, extension 6000.

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