

Communication Release: CARF Accreditation Demonstrates Positive Outcomes in Ontario's Long-Term Care Sector

Edmonton, September 5, 2023 – CARF Canada in partnership with CARF International is proud to release “Quality Outcomes for CARF-accredited Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario, Canada: Analysis of the 2021 Key Performance Indicator Data. The study, based on the 2020/21 Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data from Ontario reaffirms CARF’s commitment to improving the lives of persons served through field driven person-centred standards and continuous quality improvement.

CARF analyzed Health Quality Ontario’s reported data from Ontario’s LTC homes on six KPIs (antipsychotic medication use, pressure ulcers, falls, physical restraints use, depression, and pain). The 2020/21 data analysis revealed that CARF accredited LTC homes outperformed non-CARF accredited homes across all KPIs. The differences observed between CARF-accredited homes and others were statistically significant for all six indicators, with a high level of confidence ($p < .01$). These findings support the positive impact of the CARF’s accreditation process.

The 2020/21 analysis builds upon a previous study, with a similar review conducted on 2016-2018 KPI data yielding similar results. The collective evidence from multiple reporting periods reinforces the credibility of CARF accreditation in producing positive outcomes for the LTC sector and the relationship of CARF accreditation to the KPI outcomes may be rooted in the field-driven, international-consensus standards for person-centred long-term care communities.

CARF accreditation of each provider considers conformance to more than 1,000 standard elements, including standards related to the KPI indicators in this analysis. CARF currently accredits more than 350 PCLTCC locations in 5 countries: Canada, the U.S., United Arab Emirates, Ireland, and China. **Eighty-nine percent of these locations are in Canada.**

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