



December 16, 2011

Kim Arslanian, MT, M.B.A.
VA New York Harbor Healthcare System - Low Vision Services
800 Poly Place
Brooklyn, NY 11209

Dear Ms. Arslanian:

It is my pleasure to inform you that VA New York Harbor Healthcare System - Low Vision Services has been accredited by CARF for a period of three years for the following service:

Outpatient Vision Rehabilitation Services for Veterans and Active Duty Service Members:
Advanced Clinic

This accreditation will extend through November 2014. This achievement is an indication of your organization's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served. Services, personnel, and documentation clearly indicate an established pattern of practice excellence.

Your organization should take pride in achieving this high level of accreditation. CARF will recognize this accomplishment in its listing of organizations with accreditation, and we encourage you to make this accomplishment known throughout your community. Communication of this award to your referral and funding sources, the media, and local and federal government officials will promote and distinguish your organization. Enclosed are some materials that will help you publicize this achievement.

The survey report is intended to support a continuation of the quality improvement of your service. It contains comments on your organization's strengths as well as suggestions and recommendations. A quality improvement plan (QIP) demonstrating your efforts to implement the survey recommendations must be submitted within the next 90 days to retain accreditation. Guidelines and the form for completing the QIP have been posted on Customer Connect (customerconnect.carf.org), our secure, dedicated website for accredited organizations and organizations seeking accreditation. Email notification was previously sent to your organization letting you know that these documents have been posted. Please submit this report to the attention of the customer service unit Administrative Coordinator.

Your Certificate of Accreditation is being sent under separate cover. Please note that you may use the enclosed form to order additional copies of the certificate.

If you have any questions regarding your organization's accreditation, you are encouraged to seek support from a Resource Specialist in your customer service unit by calling extension 7131.

We encourage your organization to continue fully and productively using the CARF standards as part of your ongoing commitment to accreditation. We commend your commitment and consistent efforts to improve the quality of your service. We look forward to working with your organization in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brian J. Boon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

Brian J. Boon, Ph.D.
President/CEO

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Enclosures

c: James W. Williams
Walter L. Smith