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# RECOGNITION REPORT

## AN UPDATE TO THE FIELD

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Founded in 1977, the Council on Accreditation (COA) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that partners with human service organizations worldwide to improve service delivery outcomes by developing, applying, and promoting appropriate best practice standards. COA's 8th Edition Standards reflect current best practice in the field as determined through extensive literature reviews and a rigorous, multi-stage development and vetting process. Over 1,800 organizations - voluntary, public, and proprietary; local and statewide; large and small – have either successfully achieved, or are in the process of, accreditation. These organizations represent excellence in the human services field.

As part of our ongoing effort to add practical value to accreditation and thus encourage organizations to meet standards for efficient management and high-quality service, COA has pursued recognition of COA accreditation from entities that fund and/or license human service organizations. Recognition acknowledges the value of COA accreditation and serves as a benchmark for governmental entities.

Currently, COA is recognized in two hundred and sixteen instances in forty-seven states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and China. This number continues to grow based on state's interest regarding the use of accreditation and as COA increases its efforts to build relationships with state and county departments.

Accreditation may be recognized in the following ways:

### **Deemed Status**

Deemed status is when a state licensing body recognizes COA accreditation and allows COA accredited organizations to provide proof of accreditation in lieu of undergoing certain parts of the licensing process. Any exemptions from the licensing process are determined by the state. States may offer partial or complete deemed status to accredited organizations. This allows organizations to substitute national accreditation for:

- department requirements for licensure; or
- site inspections by the state.

## **Mandate**

States may mandate that certain types of organizations become accredited. This can apply to:

- all licensed providers;
- Medicaid providers; and/or
- department contractors.

## **Quality Rating Systems**

Quality Rating Systems (QRS), which may also be known as Quality Rating Improvement Systems (QRIS), are used by states to distinguish child care and youth programs based on service delivery. States establish tiered ratings, such as stars, points, or levels, as a way to help consumers, government agencies, and other entities determine the performance of a program. Each state has a unique QRS/QRIS system that sometimes employs COA accreditation as a means of increasing a program's QRS/QRIS rating, level, or tier.

A higher QRS/QRIS rating, level, or tier may allow an organization or program to:

- receive higher reimbursement rates;
- gain access to beneficial community resources;
- expand opportunities for grants or additional funding; and/or
- increase its customer base.

## **Tiered Reimbursement Systems**

In child care, states may implement tiered reimbursement systems allowing providers who meet certain standards, including national accreditation, to receive higher payments.

## **Training and/or Financial Support**

States and private organizations, such as foundations and grant makers, may offer training or financial support to organizations seeking accreditation.

Recognition of accreditation may extend to all of the services under a state department's purview or be specific to only certain types of providers. The following is a current list of recognitions categorized by state.

If your organization is interested in learning more about COA accreditation please contact Zoë Hutchinson, Manager of Client and Sponsor Relations, by email at [zhutchinson@coanet.org](mailto:zhutchinson@coanet.org) or by phone at 212.797.3000, extension 242.

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## UNITED STATES

### ALABAMA

#### Developmental Disabilities

Deemed Status

- The Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, for certification requirements

#### Mental Health

Deemed Status

- The Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation

Medicaid Mandate

#### Substance Abuse

Deemed Status

- The Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, offers a deemed status option to organizations that request it

### ALASKA

#### Behavioral Health

Mandate

- The Alaska Division of Behavioral Health, for all mental health providers

#### Residential Treatment Facilities

Medicaid Mandate

### ARIZONA

#### After School Programs

Tiered Reimbursement

- The Arizona Department of Economic Security

## **Behavioral Health**

Deemed Status

- The Arizona Department of Health Services, for site reviews

Medicaid Mandate

- The Arizona Department of Health Services, for sub-acute facilities

## **Developmental Disabilities**

Deemed Status

- The Arizona Department of Health Services, for group homes

## **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Deemed Status

- The Arizona Department of Health Services

Medicaid Mandate

## **ARKANSAS**

### **Developmental Disabilities**

Deemed Status

- The Arkansas Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, for certification requirements

Medicaid Mandate

- The Arkansas Division of Medical Services, for Rehabilitative Services for Persons with Mental Illness (RSPMI) services

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Deemed Status

- The Arkansas Child Welfare Agency Review Board, for facilities serving youth with co-occurring substance abuse and psychiatric disorders

### **Substance Abuse**

Deemed Status

- The Arkansas Division of Behavioral Health Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, for licensing

## **CALIFORNIA**

### **Child Welfare**

Licensing Mandate

- The California State Department of Social Services, for intercountry adoption agencies

### **Financial Education and Counseling**

Mandate

- The California Financial Code, Section 12104(k)

## **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

### **COLORADO**

## **Developmental Disabilities**

Deemed Status

- The Colorado Department of Developmental Disabilities Services, for inspection of day habilitation services

## **Financial Education and Counseling**

Mandate

- The Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 13, Article 14.5, Part 2

## **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

### **CONNECTICUT**

## **Child Care**

Tiered Reimbursement Systems

- The Connecticut Department of Social Services, Care 4 Kids program

## **Mental Health**

Deemed Status

- The Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, for personnel requirements of intensive outpatient providers participating in the General Assistance Behavioral Health Program

## **Substance Abuse**

Deemed Status

- The Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, for personnel requirements of certain providers participating in the General Assistance Behavioral Health Program

### **DELAWARE**

## **Financial Counseling and Debt Management**

Mandate

- The Delaware Code, Title 6, Subtitle II, Chapter 24A

## **Mental Health**

Contractor Mandate

- The Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families, for outpatient counseling and mental health services providers

## FLORIDA

### **Behavioral Health**

#### Deemed Status

- The Florida Department of Children and Family Services and the Agency for Health Care Administration, for site reviews

### **Child Care**

#### Tiered Reimbursement Systems

- The Florida Department of Children and Families, Gold Seal Quality Care Program

### **Child Welfare**

#### Licensing Mandate

- The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, requires all child welfare organizations receiving Medicaid to be accredited

#### Deemed Status

- The Florida Department of Children and Families, Department of Health, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Agency for Health Care Administration, and Community Based- Lead Management Entities (Networks)

### **Mental Health**

#### Deemed Status

- The Florida Department of Children and Families, Department of Health, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Agency for Health Care Administration, and Community Based- Lead Management Entities (Networks)

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

#### Medicaid Mandate

### **Substance Abuse Treatment Services**

#### Deemed Status

- The Florida Department of Children and Families, Department of Health, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Agency for Health Care Administration, and Community Based- Lead Management Entities (Networks)

## GEORGIA

### **Child Welfare**

#### Contractor Mandate

- The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

### **Mental Health**

#### Medicaid Mandate

- The Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Medical Assistance, for Community Mental Health Centers

#### Contractor Mandate

- The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

## **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

## **Substance Abuse**

Deemed Status

- The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Contractor Mandate

- The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

## **HAWAII**

### **Mental Health**

Deemed Status

- The Hawaii Department of Health, Adult Mental Health Division, for mental health rehabilitative service providers

Contractor Mandate

- The Hawaii Department of Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division

## **IDAHO**

### **Behavioral Health**

Medicaid Mandate

- Managed care contracts

### **Case Management**

Medicaid Mandate

### **Mental Health**

Medicaid Mandate

### **Psychosocial Rehabilitation Programs**

Medicaid Mandate

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

## **ILLINOIS**

### **After School Programs**

Deemed Status

- The Illinois Department of Human Services

## **Child Care**

### Deemed Status

- The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, for child care institutions and maternity centers

## **Child Welfare**

### Deemed Status

- The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, for child placing agencies, for certain discloser requirements, preferential treatment requirements, adoption fee requirements and employee pay requirements

## **Developmental Disabilities**

### Deemed Status

- The Illinois Department of Human Services, for fiscal/administrative requirements of contractors

### Contractor Mandate

- The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services, for organizations receiving more than \$20,000/year in funding

## **Mental Health**

### Deemed Status

- The Illinois Department of Human Services, Department of Children and Family Services, and Department of Corrections, for contractors in the Medicaid Community Mental Health Services Program

## **Substance Abuse**

### Deemed Status

- The Illinois Department of Human Services, for fiscal/administrative requirements of contractors

## **INDIANA**

## **After School Programs**

### Tiered Reimbursement

- The Indiana Division of Family Resources, Bureau of Child Care

## **Behavioral Health**

### Licensing Mandate

- The Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction, for sub-acute and supervised group living facilities

## **Child Care**

### Tiered Reimbursement Systems

- The Indiana Bureau of Child Care

### Contractor Mandate

- The Indiana Child Care Development Fund

## **Developmental Disabilities**

### Licensing Mandate

- The Indiana Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services, for employment services

### Licensing Mandate

- Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services; Community Based Services

## **Mental Health**

### Licensing Mandate

- The Indiana Family & Social Services Administration, for providers enrolling as psychiatric residential treatment facilities

### Contractor Mandate

- The Indiana Division of Mental Health, for community mental health providers and assertive community treatment programs

### Medicaid Mandate

## **Substance Abuse**

### Licensing Mandate

- The Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction, for agencies subject to regular certification

# **IOWA**

## **After School Programs**

### Tiered Reimbursement Systems

- The Iowa Department of Human Services, Quality Rating System

## **Behavioral Health Intervention Services (Formerly Remedial Services)**

### Contractor Mandate

- Magellan Behavioral Care of Iowa

## **Child Welfare**

### Deemed Status

- The Iowa Department of Human Services, for rehabilitative treatment services

### Contractor Mandate

- The Iowa Department of Human Services, for child welfare service providers

## **Developmental Disabilities**

### Deemed Status

- The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, for providers of HCBS Habilitation Services

## **Mental Health**

### Deemed Status

- The Iowa Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities, and Brain Injury Commission

## **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

Licensing Mandate

- The Iowa Department of Public Health, for all psychiatric mental health institutions for children

## **Substance Abuse**

Deemed Status

- The Iowa Department of Public Health

## **KANSAS**

### **Child Welfare**

Contractor Mandate

- The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, for any child placing agency

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

### **Substance Abuse**

Deemed Status

- The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, for certification of accredited substance abuse treatment programs

## **KENTUCKY**

### **After School Programs**

Grants

- The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services, Division of Child Care, for accreditation costs

### **Child Welfare**

Licensing Mandate

- The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, for child placement agencies

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Licensing Mandate

- The Kentucky Cabinet of Health and Family Services

## **LOUISIANA**

### **Mental Health**

Contractor Mandate

- The Louisiana Office of Mental Health, for providers participating in the Mental Health Rehabilitation Program

## **Residential Treatment Facilities**

### Medicaid Mandate

## **MAINE**

### **Adult Welfare**

#### Deemed Status

- The Maine Department of Health and Human Services

### **After School Programs**

#### Tiered Reimbursement

- The Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Care and Head Start

### **Behavioral Health**

#### Deemed Status

- The Maine Department of Health and Human Services

### **Child Welfare**

#### Deemed Status

- The Maine Department of Health and Human Services

### **Developmental Disabilities**

#### Deemed Status

- The Maine Department of Health and Human Services

### **Substance Abuse**

#### Deemed Status

- The Maine Department of Mental Health, Mental Rehabilitation, and Substance Abuse Services, for authorization to accredited contractors providing adult day programs
- The Maine Department of Health and Human Services

## **MARYLAND**

### **After School Programs**

#### Licensing

- The Maryland Department of Education recognizes COA After School Accreditation as Maryland School Age Child Care validating organization

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

### **After School Programs**

#### Tiered Reimbursement

- The Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

## **Mental Health**

### Deemed Status

- The Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, for community mental health programs

## **Opioid Treatment Programs**

### Deemed Status

- The Massachusetts Department of Public Health

## **MICHIGAN**

## **Child Welfare**

### Deemed Status

- The Michigan Department of Human Services, for site reviews and staff training

### Contractor Mandate

- The Michigan Department of Human Services, for foster care service providers

## **Mental Health**

### Deemed Status

- The Michigan Department of Community Health, for Community Mental Health Service Programs (contracted county authorities)
- Michigan Community Mental Health Service Programs, offer deemed status to their contractors:
  - Community Mental Health for Central Michigan, for some credentialing requirements
  - Community Mental Health Services of Muskegon, for site reviews
  - Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, for DCH certification
  - Saginaw County Community Mental Health, for DCH certification

### Medicaid Mandate

- Michigan Community Mental Health Service Programs may require contractors to be accredited:
  - Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency
  - Genesee County Community Mental Health
  - Life Ways
  - Washtenaw Community Health Organization

## **Substance Abuse**

### Medicaid Mandate

- The Michigan Department of Community Health

### Contractor Mandate

- The Michigan Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act, for adolescent substance abuse treatment providers contracting with a health care corporation

### Licensing Mandate

- The Michigan Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act, for adolescent substance abuse treatment providers contracting with health care corporations

## MINNESOTA

### After School Programs

Tiered Reimbursement

- Minnesota Department of Human Services, Child Development Services

### Child Care

Tiered Reimbursement Systems

- The Minnesota Child Care Assistance Program

### Financial Education and Counseling

Mandate

- The Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 332A

### Mental Health

Deemed Status

- The Minnesota Department of Human Services, for full site reviews

## MISSOURI

### After School Programs

Tiered Reimbursement

- The Missouri Department of Social Services- Children's Division

### Child Care

Tiered Reimbursement Systems

- The Missouri Early Childhood Development Education and Care Fund

### Child Welfare

Deemed Status

- The Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division, for licensure

### Mental Health

Deemed Status

- The Missouri Department of Mental Health

### Substance Abuse

Deemed Status

- The Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, for an expedited certification process

## MONTANA

### Behavioral Health

Deemed Status

- The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, may consider accredited organizations eligible for licensure

## **Financial Education and Counseling**

### Mandate

- The Montana Code, Title 30, Chapter 14, Part 20

## **Residential Treatment Facilities**

### Deemed Status

- The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, grants deemed status for licensure

### Medicaid mandate

## **NEBRASKA**

## **Mental Health**

### Deemed Status

- The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

### Medicaid Mandate

- The Nebraska Medical Assistance Program, for youth mental health service providers

### Licensing Mandate

- The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, for secured environment facilities

## **Substance Abuse**

### Deemed Status

- The Nebraska Department of Public Institutions, Division on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, for certification requirements

### Medicaid Mandate

The Nebraska Medical Assistance Program, for youth substance abuse service providers

## **NEVADA**

## **Behavioral Health**

### Deemed Status

- The Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, for Behavioral Health Community Networks for certain licensing requirements

## **Residential Treatment Facilities**

### Medicaid Mandate

## **NEW JERSEY**

## **After School Programs**

### Tiered Reimbursement

- The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development

## **Child Care**

Tiered Reimbursement Systems

- The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development

## **Developmental Disabilities**

Contractor Mandate

- The New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, requires contracting rehabilitation programs to be accredited

## **Mental Health**

Deemed Status

- The New Jersey Department of Human Services

## **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

## **NEW MEXICO**

## **Child Care**

Tiered Reimbursement Systems

- The New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department, AIM HIGH program

## **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

## **NEW YORK**

## **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

## **Child Welfare**

Deemed Status

- The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, for site reviews

Licensing Mandate

- The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for child-placing agencies

## **Developmental Disabilities**

Deemed Status

- The North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation, for licensure for accredited programs for the developmentally disabled

Medicaid Mandate

- The North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance

Contractor Mandate

- The North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, for community rehabilitation program services

### **Financial Education and Counseling**

#### Mandate

- The North Carolina Licensing Statues, Title 14, Article 56

### **HIV Case Management**

#### Medicaid Mandate

- North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance

### **Mental Health**

#### Medicaid Mandate

- The North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance

#### Deemed Status

- The North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and the Division of Health Service Regulation

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

#### Medicaid Mandate

#### Licensing Mandate

- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for residential maternity homes

### **Substance Abuse**

#### Deemed Status

- The North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, and the Division of Health Service Regulation

#### Medicaid Mandate

- The North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

#### Deemed Status

- The North Dakota Department of Human Services, to nationally accredited residential treatment centers for children

#### Medicaid Mandate

### **Substance Abuse**

#### Deemed Status

- The North Dakota Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, for licensure to accredited substance abuse treatment programs

#### Licensing Mandate

- The North Dakota Department of Human Services

## OHIO

### **After School Programs**

#### Tiered Reimbursement

- The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Bureau of Child Care and Development

### **Mental Health**

#### Deemed Status

- The Ohio Department of Mental Health

#### Contractor Mandate

- The Ohio Department of Mental Health

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

#### Medicaid Mandate

### **Substance Abuse**

#### Contractor Mandate

- The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services

## OKLAHOMA

### **After School Programs**

#### Tiered Reimbursement

- The Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Reaching for the Stars Program

### **Behavioral Health**

#### Medicaid Mandate

- The Oklahoma Health Care Authority, for behavioral health subcontractors providing schools with EPSDT School-Based Services
- The Oklahoma Health Care Authority, for case management services and community-based outpatient service providers

### **Child Care**

#### Tiered Reimbursement Systems

- The Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Reaching for the Stars program

## OREGON

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

#### Medicaid Mandate

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

### **Mental Health**

#### Licensing Mandate

- Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services waiver; for-profit outpatient mental health providers

## **RHODE ISLAND**

### **Behavioral Health**

#### Deemed Status

- Department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals, for licensure to accredited behavioral health service providers

### **Child Welfare**

#### Deemed Status

- The Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families, in lieu of their licensing application

### **Developmental Disabilities**

#### Deemed Status

- Department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals, for licensure to accredited behavioral health service providers

### **Financial Education and Counseling**

#### Mandate

- The Rhode Island Statutes, Title 19, Chapter 14.8, Section 6

### **Mental Health**

#### Contractor Mandate

- The Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families, for providers of emergency service interventions

#### Deemed Status

- Department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals, for licensure to accredited behavioral health service providers

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

#### Deemed Status

- The Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families, grants deemed status to residential care facilities for licensure

#### Contractor Mandate

- The Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families

### **Substance Abuse**

#### Deemed Status

- Department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals, for licensure to accredited behavioral health service providers

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

Licensing Mandate

- The South Dakota Department of Social Services

### **Substance Abuse**

Deemed Status

- Department of Human Services, Division of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

## **TENNESSEE**

### **After School Programs**

Tiered Reimbursement

- The Tennessee Department of Human Services, Star-Quality Child Care program

## **UTAH**

### **Financial Counseling and Debt Management**

Mandate

- The Utah Administrative Rules, Title R152, Rule 42

## **VERMONT**

### **After School Programs**

Grants

- The Vermont Department of Children and Families, Quality STARS for Child Care, for accreditation costs

## **VIRGINIA**

### **Financial Counseling and Debt Management**

Mandate

- The Code of Virginia, Title 6.1, Chapter 10.2

### **Residential Treatment Facilities**

Medicaid Mandate

## WASHINGTON

### Residential Treatment Facilities

#### Licensing Mandate

- The Washington Department of Social and Health Services, for residential care facilities using certain behavioral management techniques

### Substance Abuse

#### Deemed Status

- The Washington Department of Social and Health Services

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Residential Treatment Facilities

#### Medicaid Mandate

## WISCONSIN

### Child Care

#### Quality Rating Improvement System

- Young Star QRIS rating of 4/5 stars automatically **or** 5/5 stars if education requirements are satisfied

### Mental Health

#### Deemed Status

- The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, for outpatient mental health providers

## WYOMING

### Residential Treatment Facilities

#### Medicaid Mandate

#### Licensing Mandate

- The Wyoming Department of Family Services, for Level II Residential Treatment Centers

## WASHINGTON DC(District of Columbia)

### Child Care

#### Tiered Reimbursement Systems

- The Washington D.C. Early Care and Education Administration, Going for the Gold program

### Residential Treatment Facilities

#### Medicaid Mandate

## **ADDITIONAL RECOGNITIONS**

### **FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

- Federal Medicaid Regulation 42 CFR§441.151(a)(2)(ii) requires all psychiatric residential treatment facilities serving patients under 21 to be accredited in order to receive Medicaid funding.
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) requires all opioid treatment programs to be accredited.
- The U.S. Department of State has named COA as the only national accreditor for Hague Convention Accreditation and Approval.

### **INSURANCE COMPANIES**

- Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa, for substance abuse treatment agencies
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, for private behavioral health care agencies
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, for mental health services agencies
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, for substance abuse treatment agencies
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, for case management services agencies
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, for behavioral health care agencies
- Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Dakota, for substance abuse treatment agencies

### **MANAGED CARE**

COA accredits over 1,400 behavioral healthcare organizations. Almost all major managed care companies recognize COA provider accreditation, including:

- Magellan
- Managed Health Network
- Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
- Colorado Access

### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### **Canada**

##### **Child Welfare**

##### Licensing Mandate

- The British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family Development

##### Contractor Mandate

- Alberta Ministry of Children and Youth Services

##### Contractor Mandate

- Alberta, Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports

## **China**

### **Adoption**

- The China Center for Child Welfare and Adoption mandates Hague or COA (8<sup>th</sup> Edition) accreditation for Homestudy Reviews and Post Adoption Reports.

## **UNITED WAY**

United Way of America urges local United Ways to use national accreditation as an effective way to reduce the burden of evaluations on both United Way chapters and member organizations. Many United Way chapters have chosen to use accreditation, in combination with their own allocation processes, to designate organizations eligible for multi-year fund allocations, including:

- United Way of Chicago
- United Way of Central Iowa
- United Way of Dayton
- United Way of Miami-Dade
- United Way of Silicon Valley
- United Way of Palm Beach County
- United Way of El Paso County

## **FOUNDATIONS**

- The Kresge Foundation includes a request for information about applicants' accreditation status in its process.
- The Duke Endowment awards grants in North and South Carolina to accredited child welfare agencies.
- The Hawaii Community Foundation's Organizational Capacity Building program provides grants to offset the costs of first-time accreditation for health/human services agencies.

## **CONSUMER RECOGNITIONS**

- The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) board has approved COA accreditation for community mental health service providers.
- The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare (NCCBH) has endorsed COA accreditation as offering appropriate standards for community mental health centers.

## **COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ACCREDITING BODIES**

- The Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) recognizes and accepts accreditation by COA for CARF Network Administration accreditation.
- COA accredited agencies are not surveyed during CARF site visits to network administration offices.
- The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) names COA as an acceptable accrediting body in its Behavioral Healthcare standards, allowing managed care organizations to use COA accreditation to demonstrate compliance with NCQA's CR12 standard.
- The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), a child care service accrediting body, recognizes COA accreditation for multi-service agencies seeking comprehensive accreditation and regularly refers appropriate agencies to COA.

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