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Managing Director, Medical Rehabilitation and Aging Services
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Dear Mr. Carolan and Colleagues,

On behalf of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R), I am writing to congratulate CARF International on its 60th anniversary. AAPM&R is the national medical specialty organization representing more than 10,000 physicians who are specialists in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

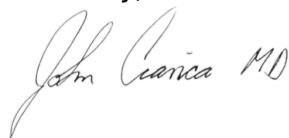
For six decades, CARF has helped elevate standards of care, strengthen rehabilitation programs, and promote excellence throughout the field. The organization's leadership and commitment to quality have had a lasting impact on patients, providers, and healthcare systems alike.

AAPM&R is proud of our longstanding relationship with CARF and the shared commitment our organizations have to advancing excellence in rehabilitation medicine. We are especially appreciative of CARF's support of medical rehabilitation programs and its recognition of the important contributions PM&R physicians make in leading interdisciplinary rehabilitation teams and improving patient outcomes.

As you celebrate this milestone, we commend CARF's enduring dedication to improving rehabilitation care and the meaningful impact the organization has had on the rehabilitation community over the past 60 years.

We extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes for continued success in the years ahead. AAPM&R looks forward to continuing our partnership in support of high-quality rehabilitation care and the patients we collectively serve.

Sincerely,



John C. Cianca, MD
President, American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

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