



**Alternative Compliance Ratification for Families CARE, Inc.  
Effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026**

**Approval by Tammy Kleeb, Chairperson on May 10, 2023  
Approval by the Division of Behavioral Health on June 1, 2023  
Ratification by the Regional Governing Board on June 23, 2023**

**Alternative Compliance**

A community-based behavioral health provider can request an Alternative Compliance Request (ACR) from the Division of Behavioral Health for various regulations set forth in 206 Nebraska Administrative Code Behavioral Health Services as deemed appropriate to further the development and implementation of recovery-oriented and person-centered community-based behavioral health services. The Regional Governing Board must approve the request when the provider is under contract with the Regional Behavioral Health Authority.

Region 3 requested an ACR for 206 NAC Chapter 6 Section 015, for Families CARE, a long-standing provider of Peer Support services. Families CARE has provided quality Family/Parent Peer Support to families who have a child experiencing a mental health challenge or a parent who experiences challenges in parenting due to their own mental health challenges. They have also been a long-standing provider of the Transitional Youth Advocate Program that supports older adolescents and young adults who experience a mental health disorder. Both of these services have furthered the development and implementation of parent operated community-based services in Region 3. Region 3's projected FY24 contract with Families CARE, Inc. will be in the amount of \$32,436; therefore, the projected costs incurred to obtain national accreditation will be financially burdensome for them.

Therefore, Region 3 on behalf of Families CARE, Inc. requested a three-year AC effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. In lieu of national accreditation, Region 3 will utilize network accreditation processes to oversee the quality of service delivery by Families CARE, Inc.

Families CARE, Inc. received approval via a letter dated June 1, 2023 by Tony Green, Interim Director of the Division of Behavioral Health the three-year period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

I am requesting that the Regional Governing Board ratify the approval of the Alternative Compliance Request.