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	ARCO Alliance for Recovery Centered Organizations	RCO CERTIFICATION	CAPRSS Council on Accreditation of Peer Recovery Support Services
OUTCOME OF REVIEW PROCESS	Membership in a voluntary membership program that does not certify or accredit organizations.	Certifies the infrastructure and framework of the organization is in alignment with the RCO Definition and RCO National Standards.	Accredits the peer recovery support services provided by the organization.
MINIMUM OF SERVICE DELIVERY	No minimum.	No required minimum, though organizations with a minimum of 6-12 months of service delivery are most successful.	2-year minimum of service delivery.
WHAT IS REVIEWED?	Organizations demonstrate how they meet the membership benchmarks.	Organizations demonstrate fidelity to the RCO Definition and RCO National Standards.	Organizations demonstrate fidelity to the CAPRSS Standards.
ORGANIZATION NONPROFIT REQUIREMENTS	Organizations can have nonprofit status or can have a nonprofit fiscal agent. (Other circumstances reviewed on a case-by-case basis)	Organizations must have independent, current 501c3 status.	Organizations can have nonprofit or for-profit status.
LENGTH OF PROCESS	Process generally takes 4-12 weeks from time of application.	Process takes generally 3 to 6 months.	Process generally takes 12+ months.
DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS	No documentation upload is required; though the review committee does review the organization's website and public-facing social media.	Organizations are provided with a document checklist to guide their documentation upload.	Organizations are provided with a document checklist to guide their documentation upload.
WHAT SITE VISIT AND INTERVIEW COMPONENT IS REVIEWED?	No site visit component.	Organizations undergo a brief virtual tour and interview.	Organizations undergo a two-day, in-person site visit.
DURATION OF CREDENTIALS AWARDED	No credential issued. Membership must be renewed annually.	Certification determination lasts for two years, unless otherwise stated.	Accreditation determinations range in time from one year to three years.
CREDENTIAL RENEWAL PROCESS	Organizations do not need to reapply.	Organizations undergo re-certification process.	Organizations undergo reaccreditation process.
COST OF PROCESS	Cost is based on a sliding scale, determined by the organization's annual budget.	Cost is based on a sliding scale, determined by the organization's annual budget.	Cost is based on a sliding scale, determined by the organization's annual budget.