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Post-Acute Care Stroke Program Standards

What are the Post-Acute Care Stroke Program Standards?

These standards were developed by a national committee of post-acute stroke experts to provide a framework for evaluating post-acute stroke facilities against the American Heart Association® evidence-based guidelines for stroke patients and stroke rehabilitation.

Eligibility Criteria

- The facility is located in Iowa, Montana, Nebraska or North Dakota.
- Provide short-stay stroke rehabilitation services at your facility.
 - Agree to share information and data as part of this initiative.
 - Have a desire to implement best practices, solutions to workflow gaps, and participate in the initiative learning collaborative.



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Benefits

For Facilities

- Receive a participation stipend
- Site-specific quality improvement support and processes improvement ideas surrounding quality standards for stroke recovery, rehabilitation, and secondary prevention.
- Opportunity to be part of a learning collaborative, working with experts in stroke rehabilitation to build tools and share/create best practices to be disseminated nationally.
- Opportunity to learn from similar facilities applying best practice.
- Collaboration between your facility and local system of care facilities, e.g., Referring hospitals, local outpatient providers, etc.

For Patients

- Knowledge that the post-acute stroke rehabilitation facility can provide services that are supported by American Heart Association science
- Assurance that the post-acute stroke rehabilitation facility is recognized by the American Heart Association, based on professional evaluation criteria designed by post-acute stroke and stroke rehabilitation experts
- Confidence their post-acute stroke care is coordinated throughout while working with the rehabilitation facility

With you every step of the way...

Post-Acute Stroke programs where quality of care is top of mind.

- Evidence-based care guidelines must drive decision making for the agency's stroke rehabilitation program
- High levels of commitment and oversight to instituting requirements for the post-acute stroke rehabilitation program



How To Get Started

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