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Certified Care™
Skilled Nursing Facility
Heart Failure



Skilled Nursing Facility Heart Failure Certification

What is the Skilled Nursing Facility Heart Failure Certification?

This certification provides a framework for evaluating skilled nursing facilities against the American Heart Association® evidence-based guidelines for heart failure patients. Certification provides validation that a facility has followed our requirements.

Eligibility Criteria

- The Skilled Nursing Facility is located in the United States or a United States territory.
- Facility demonstrates a heart failure program that:
 - Uses a standardized method of delivering services based on current evidence-based American Heart Association guidelines
 - Adherence to evidence-based requirements aimed at improving care and outcomes for heart failure patients.

Benefits

For Agencies

- Opportunity to promote an American Heart Association certification
- Opportunities for increased referrals and help reduce unnecessary readmissions and potential penalties
- Access to collaborating with other certified facilities nationwide
- Consultative services from American Heart Association staff

For Patients

- Knowledge that the skilled nursing facility can provide services that are supported by American Heart Association science
- Assurance that the skilled nursing facility is recognized by the American Heart Association, based on professional evaluation criteria designed by heart failure and skilled nursing experts
- Confidence their heart failure care is coordinated from pre-admission through working with the skilled nursing facility to discharge

With you every step of the way...

Skilled Nursing Facility Heart Failure programs where quality of care is top of mind

- Evidence-based care guidelines must drive decision making for the facility's heart failure program
- High levels of commitment and oversight to instituting requirements for the heart failure program.



How To Get Started

If your facility is interested in Skilled Nursing Facility Heart Failure Certification, please provide your contact information on the website below and a member of our team will contact you.

www.heart.org/skillednursing