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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

Please provide your contact information on the website below and a member of our team will contact you.



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