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Certified Care™
Skilled Nursing Facility
Stroke Rehabilitation



Skilled Nursing Facility Stroke Rehabilitation Certification

What is the Skilled Nursing Facility Stroke Rehabilitation Certification?

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

Eligibility Criteria

- Freestanding skilled nursing facilities or swing beds in critical access hospitals in the United States or a United States territory.
- Facility demonstrates a stroke rehabilitation program that:
 - uses a standardized method of delivering services based on current evidence-based American Heart Association guidelines
 - adheres to evidence-based requirements to improve care and outcomes for patients recovering from stroke.

Benefits

For Agencies

- Opportunity to promote an American Heart Association certification
- Opportunities for increased referrals to reduce unnecessary readmissions and potential penalties
- Collaboration 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 stroke and skilled nursing experts
- Confidence their stroke rehabilitation 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 Stroke Rehabilitation programs where quality of care is top of mind

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