

# Standardize Performance Measures for Advanced Certification Heart Failure

Joint Commission Quality Measures for Disease-Specific Care Certification

Mandatory Measures for Advanced Certification Heart Failure		
Measure ID	Measure Name	Measure Description
ACHF-01	Beta-Blocker Therapy (i.e., Bisoprolol, Carvedilol, or Sustained-Release Metoprolol Succinate Prescribed for LVSD at Discharge)	Beta-blocker therapy (i.e., bisoprolol, carvedilol, or sustained-release metoprolol succinate) is prescribed for heart failure patients with LVSD at discharge. For purposes of this measure, LVSD is defined as chart documentation of a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) less than 40% or a narrative description of left ventricular systolic (LVS) function consistent with moderate or severe systolic dysfunction.
ACHF-02	Post-Discharge Appointment for Heart Failure Patients	Patients for whom a follow-up appointment for an office or home health visit for management of heart failure was scheduled within 7 days post-discharge and documented including location, date, and time.
ACHF-03	Care Transition Record Transmitted	A care transition record is transmitted to a next level of care provider within 7 days of discharge containing ALL of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reason for hospitalization</li> <li>• Procedures performed during this hospitalization</li> <li>• Treatment(s)/Service(s) provided during this hospitalization</li> <li>• Discharge medications, including dosage and indication for use</li> <li>• Follow-up treatment and services needed (e.g., post-discharge therapy, oxygen therapy, durable medical equipment)</li> </ul>
ACHF-04	Discussion of Advance Directives/Advance Care Planning	Patients who have documentation in the medical record of a one-time discussion of advance directives/advance care planning with a healthcare provider.
ACHF-05	Advance Directive Executed	Patients who have documentation in the medical record that an advance directive was executed.
ACHF-06	Post-Discharge Evaluation for Heart Failure Patients	Patients who receive a re-evaluation for symptoms worsening and treatment compliance by a program team member within 72 hours after inpatient discharge.

**Optional Measures for  
Advanced Certification Heart Failure**

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ACHFOP-01	Hospital Outpatient Beta-Blocker Therapy (i.e., Bisoprolol, Carvedilol, or Sustained-Release Metoprolol Succinate Prescribed for LVSD)	Beta-blocker therapy (i.e., bisoprolol, carvedilol, or sustained-release metoprolol succinate) is prescribed for heart failure patients with LVSD. For purposes of this measure, LVSD is defined as chart documentation of a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) less than 40% or a narrative description of left ventricular systolic (LVS) function consistent with moderate or severe systolic dysfunction.
ACHFOP-02	Hospital Outpatient ACEI or ARB Prescribed for LVSD	Heart failure patients with left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVSD) who are prescribed an ACEI or ARB in the outpatient setting. For purposes of this measure, LVSD is defined as chart documentation of a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) less than 40% or a narrative description of left ventricular systolic (LVS) function consistent with moderate or severe systolic dysfunction.
ACHFOP-03	Hospital Outpatient Aldosterone Receptor Antagonists Prescribed for LVSD	Aldosterone receptor antagonist therapy prescribed for heart failure patients with LVSD. For purposes of this measure, LVSD is defined as chart documentation of a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) less than 40% or a narrative description of left ventricular systolic (LVS) function consistent with moderate or severe systolic dysfunction.
ACHFOP-04	Hospital Outpatient New York Heart Association (NYHA Classification Assessment)	A baseline assessment of functional outcome utilizing the New York Heart Association (NYHA) classification documented at the time of the initial outpatient visit.
ACHFOP-05	Hospital Outpatient Activity Recommendations	Outpatients who have received a document describing individualized activity recommendations including type of activity, duration and intensity, tailored to their needs. This document must be present in the outpatient record.
ACHFOP-06	Hospital Outpatient Discussion of Advance Directives/Advance Care Planning	Outpatients who have documentation in the medical record of a one-time discussion of advance directives/advance care planning with a healthcare provider.
ACHFOP-07	Hospital Outpatient Advance Directive Executed	Outpatients who have documentation in the medical record that an advance directive was executed.