Cardiac Certifications Now Available to All Hospitals Nationwide

Hospitals pursuing the Advanced Certification in Heart Failure or Comprehensive Cardiac Center (CCC) certification will no longer be required to be accredited by The Joint Commission to obtain these certifications. The revised eligibility requirement will be applied to organizations seeking initial certification or recertification on or after January 1, 2019.

In its partnership with the American Heart Association, The Joint Commission evaluated—and ultimately expanded—the availability of its cardiac certification programs to any hospital that meets the programs’ eligibility criteria and is compliant with applicable federal laws, including Medicare Conditions of Participation. The hope is that this extension to all hospitals ultimately will improve the outcomes and quality of life for many more patients with cardiovascular disease.

This expanded eligibility will be reflected in “The Joint Commission Certification Process” (CERT) chapter of the fall 2018 E-dition® updates to the disease-specific care and CCC manuals and the 2019 Comprehensive Certification Manual for Disease-Specific Care. Questions regarding eligibility and standards requirements for all Joint Commission cardiac certification programs may be directed to Certification Business Development.