The Joint Commission has offered Advanced Disease-Specific Care Certification for Inpatient Diabetes Care since 2006. As of July 2, 2012, 49 organizations across the country have achieved this certificate of distinction.

The “Advanced Disease-Specific Care Certification Requirements for Inpatient Diabetes Care” (IDC) chapter of the 2012 Disease-Specific Care Certification Manual briefly describes eligibility for achieving certification. Recent policy changes are intended to clarify these eligibility requirements. The revisions in the box below (new text is underlined and deleted text is in strikethrough) are effective immediately and will be published in the 2013 Disease-Specific Care Certification Manual next spring.

For more information, contact The Joint Commission’s Disease-Specific Care Certification Program at dscinfo@jointcommission.org or 630-792-5291.

---

**Revisions to Eligibility Requirements for Advanced Inpatient Diabetes Care Certification**

**Effective immediately**

Eligible for Advanced Certification under this program for Inpatient Diabetes Care is available to acute care general hospitals, that provides care and services to patients who have a medical history of diabetes—that is, diabetes diagnosed and acknowledged by the treating physician—rehabilitation hospitals, and long term acute care hospitals. Please note the following conditions regarding advanced and core certification for diabetes mellitus programs:

- **Advanced Disease-Specific Care Certification for Inpatient Diabetes Care** is the only option for all acute care general hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, and long term acute care hospitals.

- **Core Disease-Specific Care Certification for diabetes mellitus** will no longer be offered to acute care general hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, and long term acute care hospitals.

**Note:** All inpatient units are included in the scope of this review, including pediatrics, women’s/OB-GYN services, and the emergency department.

**Eligibility Exceptions**

- Freestanding pediatric-specially hospitals are not eligible for certification under this program Advanced Disease-Specific Care Certification for Inpatient Diabetes Care at this time.

- Patients who develop hospital-related hyperglycemia attributed to medications or other factors are not included in the patient population for this certification.