



# 2026 HOSPITAL RECOGNITION CRITERIA

(based on 2025 data)



Eight or more consecutive quarters  
and  $\geq 2$  HF records annually



Four consecutive quarters  
and  $\geq 2$  HF records annually



One calendar quarter  
and  $\geq 1$  HF record per quarter

## Heart Failure Rural Composite Score Measure Achievement Goal: At least 60% Compliance

Evidence-Based Beta Blocker Prescribed  
at Discharge (AHAHF2)

Left Ventricular Function Assessed (AHAHF3)

Post-Discharge Appointment for Heart Failure  
Patients (AHAHF4)

Angiotensin Receptor Neprilysin Inhibitor  
(ARNi) at Discharge (AHAHF6)

SGLT-2 Inhibitor at Discharge for Patients  
with HFrEF (LVEF  $\leq 40\%$ ) (AHAHF93)

Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonist  
(MRA) at Discharge for Patients with HFrEF  
(LVEF  $\leq 40\%$ ) (AHAHF110)



### Eligible Hospitals

Federally Designated Critical Access Hospitals or  
Short Term Acute Care Hospitals within Rural Urban  
Commuting Areas (RUCA) geographically classified  
as large rural, small rural or isolated.

