Joint Commission Rehabilitation Certification Consulting (with CARF Crosswalk)

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What to have ready

These are the items to gather first, each tied to the text that asks for it.

- Your Joint Commission accreditation status. The DSC page says certification options are open to organizations accredited by The Joint Commission and does not address organizations without accreditation; IHS's reading is that accreditation is the expected path, and your organization confirms eligibility with the Joint Commission before applying (Joint Commission, DSC [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care]).
- A written description of the formal structure of the rehabilitation program you want certified (Joint Commission, DSC [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care]).
- The clinical practice guidelines or evidence-based practices your standardized approach to care delivery is built on (Joint Commission, DSC [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care]).
- An organized approach to measuring performance, named and owned (Joint Commission, DSC [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care]).
- A measure process ready to gather data on each measure every month and submit it each quarter to The Joint Commission through the Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP) (Joint Commission, DSC [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care]).
- Access to Joint Commission Connect, the secure site where the application is filed (Joint Commission, certification process [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/process]).
- Patient records that let a reviewer follow individual patients' care across the whole program (Joint Commission, certification process [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/process]).
- Staff time after the review: corrective actions are due to The Joint Commission within 60 days after the survey (Joint Commission, certification process [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/process]).
- The 2026 Comprehensive Certification Manual for Disease-Specific Care, the governing text (Joint Commission product page [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/products/scs26p/ebscs26]).
- If you hold CARF accreditation, your current CARF Medical Rehabilitation materials and any specialty designations, for the crosswalk (CARF, Medical Rehabilitation [https://carf.org/accreditation/programs/medical-rehabilitation/], page opened October 3, 2026).