Joint Commission Pulmonary and COPD Certification Consulting

Last reviewed October 2026 · https://www.integralhs.com/pulmonary-copd-certification-readiness

What to have ready

Each item ties to a Joint Commission page read on 2 October 2026.

- A decision on the track: basic COPD, Integrated Care, Pneumonia or Respiratory failure, or advanced COPD or Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (Disease-Specific Care page [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care]).
- The *2026 Comprehensive Certification Manual for Disease Specific Care*, with standards effective January 1, 2026 (product page [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/products/dscc26p/ebdscc26]).
- Evidence of a formal program structure (Disease-Specific Care page [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Evidence that care follows a standard method based on clinical practice guidelines or evidence-based practices (same page).
- Evidence of organized performance measurement (same page).
- A chosen measure set, with data gathered monthly and reported each quarter through the Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP) (same page).
- A check of current results against the threshold criteria for applicable measures, which apply at first certification and at recertification (same page).
- For an advanced track, the clinical-area requirements for COPD or Lung Volume Reduction Surgery from the manual (cardiac certification page [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/cardiac], page opened October 3, 2026; product page [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/products/dscc26p/ebdscc26], page opened October 3, 2026).
- A named person with access to Joint Commission Connect to submit the application (Certification Process [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/process]).
- Records that let one or two reviewers follow patients across the whole program (Certification Process [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/process], page opened October 3, 2026).
- A plan to submit corrective actions within 60 days of the survey (Certification Process [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/process], page opened October 3, 2026).
- An owner for the Intracycle conference call a year after the award (Certification Process [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/process]).