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About the Program

The Joint Commission has introduced a voluntary Sustainable Healthcare Certification (SHC) program scheduled to take effect January 2024. This program assesses whether hospitals, including critical access hospitals, have implemented essential structures and processes to enhance energy efficiency, reduce their carbon footprint, and minimize waste. The SHC is open to all hospitals and critical access hospitals accredited by the Joint Commission, as well as non-Joint Commission-accredited hospitals that comply to applicable federal laws, such as the US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Conditions of Participation.

Certification Benefits

Achieving Sustainable Healthcare Certification aligns health care organizations with sustainable practices and positions them as mindful and responsible care providers in an increasingly environmentally conscious world.



Environmental Impact Reduction

Certification promotes hospitals to concentrate on diminishing their environmental footprint by implementing energy-efficient practices. Attaining sustainability objectives allows hospitals to play a part in broader initiatives for environmental conservation and preservation.



Cost Savings

Through the incorporation of energy-efficient technologies and waste management strategies, hospitals can realize operational efficiencies leading to cost savings. Health systems may additionally be eligible for tax incentives to support climate resiliency and fund projects related to renewable energy infrastructure.



Improved Health Outcomes

Embracing sustainable practices within hospitals and health systems can enhance health outcomes for patients, staff, and the community. Through the reduction of chemical exposures, enhancement of air quality, and implementation of infection control measures, hospitals establish healthier environments that promote healing and prevent the transmission of diseases.



Enhanced Reputation and Community Engagement

Achieving sustainability certification signifies a dedication to responsible and ethical practices, ultimately boosting the organization's standing in the community. This can attract patients, employees, and stakeholders who prioritize sustainable health care options.



Regulatory Compliance and Risk Mitigation

Adherence to local, state, or national environmental regulations may be necessary for sustainability programs. Attaining and sustaining certification allows hospitals to confirm compliance with legal obligations. Furthermore, integrating sustainability practices can assist in mitigating environmental, societal, and financial risks, ensuring hospitals are equipped to navigate evolving regulatory landscapes and potential disruptions.

How Does a Healthcare System Join the Program?

22,000+

accredited and certified health care organizations

70+

countries served by the Joint Commission enterprise

2000+

resources to support patient safety and care quality

What It Takes to Be Certified

Any hospital or critical access hospital may apply for the voluntary Sustainable Healthcare Certification if the following requirements are met:

- The organization must be in the United States, operated by the U.S. government, or operated under a charter of the U.S. Congress.
- The organization is a hospital or critical access hospital that is compliant with applicable federal laws, including applicable Medicare Conditions of Participation.
- At the time of review, the organization needs to have baseline emissions data for three GHG emission sources and an action plan to reduce.
- At the time of recertification, the organization needs to have 24 months of data and demonstrate a reduction of three GHG emission sources.

How Scope 5 Software Can Help You Meet Certification Requirements

The Scope 5 application was built with sustainability in mind from the ground up, enabling you to take charge of your ESG data and set an action plan to reduce your GHG emissions. Within the platform you can:

Measure key metrics from emissions to energy Calculate emissions, energy, and other impacts using our diverse resource libraries and authoritative factors. Set a baseline and enable automatic data updates for real-time monitoring of your carbon footprint and environmental impacts.

Analyze, visualize, and communicate your data Scope 5's interactive dashboard allow you to customize charts and graphs with detailed analytics to share essential information with colleagues, executives, and external stakeholders. Generate reports following CDP, GRI, DJSI, and other standard protocols, or create custom reports to align with your internal stakeholders' or CSR requirements.

Drive change with data-driven decision making Use Scope 5 forecasting tools to track progress against targets in real-time to identify leaders and laggards. Leveraging our software, you can be confident in the results, knowing full-well that you've set achievable goals to satisfy stakeholders.

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