

**Clinical Guidelines: Heart Failure**

**Description**

This guideline outlines the stages of heart failure and describes a range of generally acceptable approaches for the diagnosis, management and prevention of heart failure. Clinical guidelines are not used within UnitedHealthcare to decide benefit coverage. Benefit coverage decisions are based upon language in the member specific benefit plan document.

**To Review Guideline**

Name of Guideline	Source/Location
2013 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure	American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association: <a href="http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/128/16/e240.full.pdf">http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/128/16/e240.full.pdf</a>
2016 ACC/AHA/HFSA Focused Update on New Pharmacological Therapy for Heart Failure: An Update of the 2013 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure	American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association/Heart Failure Society of America: <a href="https://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2016/05/18/CIR.000000000000435.full.pdf">https://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2016/05/18/CIR.000000000000435.full.pdf</a>
2017 ACC/AHA/HFSA Focused Update of the 2013 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure	American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association/Heart Failure Society of America: <a href="http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2017/04/26/CIR.000000000000509.full.pdf">http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2017/04/26/CIR.000000000000509.full.pdf</a>