

**Hospice of the Shoals 767-6699**

**Heart Disease  
Hospice Admission Criteria**

Medical criteria listed below that would support hospice appropriateness include:  
(check all that apply)

1. At the time of initial certification or re-certification for Hospice  
 Patient is being treated optimally with diuretics and vasodilators  
 ACE inhibitors  hydralazine  nitrates  
*\*If patients can't tolerate the use of ACE Inhibitors, the physician must document why in the patient's record.*  
 Patients having angina pectoris, at rest, resistant to nitrate therapy and are not candidates for or decline invasive procedures
  
2. The patient has symptoms of recurrent Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) at rest, and is classified as *Class IV* by the New York Heart Association:  
 Patient is unable to carry on any physical activity without symptoms  
 Symptoms are present at rest  
 If physical activity is undertaken, symptoms are increased

Class IV. Patients with cardiac disease resulting in inability to carry on any physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms of heart failure or of the anginal syndrome may be present even at rest. If any physical activity is undertaken, discomfort is increased.

3. Supportive Documentation  
 O2 Sat <88% on room air  
 Ejection Fraction 20% or <  
 SV or Ventricular Arrhythmias  
 History of Cardiac Arrest or Resuscitation      date (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
 History of unexplained Syncope  
 Brain embolism of cardiac origin  
 Concomitant HIV disease

4. ICD-9 Codes that support medical necessity:

414.8 Chronic Ischemic Heart Disease

428.0 Congestive Heart Failure

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

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