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**Pima Health System
Clinical Practice Guideline for
The Diagnosis and Management of
Chronic Heart Failure in the Adult**

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Purpose of this Document

Pima Health System has adopted the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association's, *ACC/AHA 2005 Guideline Update for the Diagnosis and Management of Chronic Heart Failure in the Adult*, to serve as an evidence-based framework for practitioners' clinical decision making with adult patients who have heart failure. Extensive literature review on Heart Failure and Practice Guidelines developed for heart failure suggests that the ACC/AHA updated guideline is among the most comprehensive, evidence-based clinical practice guideline for this condition. The comprehensive guideline covers the diagnosing, evaluation and management of heart failure, and also includes a section on the management of heart failure in special populations.

As with all guidelines, this adopted clinical guideline is designed to assist practitioners by providing an analytical framework for the evaluation and management of members and is not intended to either replace the practitioners' judgment or to establish a protocol for all members with a particular condition. Clinical practice guidelines need to be revised periodically based upon changes identified in both local and national practice patterns and standards. This allows deviation from the guideline in unique clinical situation as long as the reason for variation is clearly documented in the medical record.

Obtaining Copies of the ACC/AHA Guideline Update

Copies of the ACC/AHA 2005 Guideline Update for the Diagnosis and Management of Chronic Heart Failure in the Adult may be obtained through the American College of Cardiology at www.acc.org.

Provider Feedback

Pima Health System welcomes feedback on all of our practice guidelines. All suggestions and recommendations are taken into consideration by the health plan's Clinical Practice Guideline/Medical Management Committee in our ongoing review and revision of the guidelines. Comments may be submitted to:

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