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## EQUIP7 Fact Sheet WHAT IS ACCREDITATION ACHIEVEMENT?

The Accreditation Achievement is intended for those Facilities who are advanced on their quality journey and can meet the evaluation requirements of the MA elements to support continuous improvement. Healthcare accreditation is an external review of the quality of care and services. It is "an internationally recognised evaluation process used to assess and improve the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of healthcare organisations; it is also a way to publicly recognise that a healthcare organisation has met national quality standards." For organisations striving to provide high quality care and services within a culture of safety and quality improvement, accreditation will be the natural outcome.

#### **Achievement Requirements**

To achieve Accreditation, a Facility must receive a:

- Met or Met with Recommendation rating for all LA and SA elements with the exception of up to a maximum of 6 (total) LA or SA elements with NM ratings with Moderate or Low risk only (no P1 Recommendations), and
- Met or MR rating for all MA elements.

#### **Duration Limit**

There is no limit on the number of Cycles for which a Facility can maintain Accreditation. Once a Facility achieves Accreditation, a Foundation or Recognition Achievement is not permissible in the future.

#### **Final Assessment**

During an Accreditation Cycle, a Final Assessment will be triggered after an OWA or SNA if any of the following apply:

- More than 6 (total) LA or SA elements are rated NM or any LA or SA elements are rated NM with a High or Extreme Risk
- Any MA element is rated NM, or
- Priority 1 recommendation received

The scope of the Final Assessment will include any elements rated NM, any LA or SA element rated MR, and all Priority 1 recommendations. If the requirements cannot be met after a Final Assessment, then Accreditation will not be granted and the Facility can attempt another OWA at any time in the future.

#### **Benefits of ACHSI Accreditation**

- Improved outcomes and patient experience
- Enhanced staff capability and competency
- Developed culture of improvement
- Implemented sustainable, long-term changes
- Established connections and leading support

#### **Value of ACHSI Accreditation**

- Community credibility and trust
- Medical tourism
- Brand strength
- Insurance reimbursement rates
- Performance and outcomes focus

For further information, please refer to EQuIP7 Scheme Guide. If you have any questions on how this impacts your organisation, please contact the ACHS International team at info@achsi.org



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