

What to Look for in a Rehabilitation Facility



HealthSouth is one of the nation's largest providers of outpatient surgery, diagnostic imaging and rehabilitative healthcare services, operating facilities nationwide and abroad. Our vast network of highly skilled physicians and therapists and the latest equipment and technology guarantees that all patients have easy access to high-quality healthcare. At HealthSouth, we're dedicated to providing expert, cost-effective care, producing excellent outcomes and getting people back ... to work ... to play ... to living.®

The HealthSouth Hospitals Network is comprised of more than 125 inpatient locations, representing over 7,100 physical and medical rehabilitation beds. HealthSouth's mission is to provide our patients with high-quality, cost-effective care that will enhance their quality of life.

HealthSouth offers specialized rehabilitative care across a wide array of diagnoses. Our hospitals deliver comprehensive patient care services in a manner that sets us apart from other post-acute healthcare providers. We track our patient outcomes, insist on a pristine environment and offer an intensive approach to rehabilitation, supervised by a physician.

As you explore your options for rehabilitation, use the checklist below to compare availability of services and personnel, approach to delivery of care and patient outcomes.

Criteria	HealthSouth	PROVIDER #2	PROVIDER #3
1. How is the facility licensed? Choose One:			
- Inpatient acute rehabilitation	Inpatient Acute Rehabilitation	_____	_____
- Long-term acute care			
- Skilled nursing facility			
2. Is there a specific program for your diagnosis?			
- Spinal cord	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Stroke	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Orthopedic	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Amputee	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Oncology	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Pulmonary	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Cardiac	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Neurological Disorder	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. How many rehabilitation patients are treated per year?		_____	_____
4. Does the facility offer multidisciplinary therapy services provided by full-time staff?			
- Physical therapist	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Occupational therapist	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Rehabilitation nurse	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Respiratory therapist	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Speech/Language pathologist	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Case manager	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Clinical dietitian	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Psychologist/Neuropsychologist	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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5. Do family members and patients meet with physicians and the rehabilitation team to set goals and discuss progress?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are patients educated in the skills needed to maximize their independence (ambulation, activities of daily living, communication, adjustment issues, skin care, bowel and bladder care and sexuality)?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Does the facility offer patient and family education that is specific to your diagnosis?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Are vocational needs addressed by the rehabilitation team?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Are community reintegration outings offered?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Does the pharmacist interact regularly with the multidisciplinary team?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Are home assessments available by members of the rehabilitation team to assist with discharge planning and home modifications if needed?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Does the facility offer comprehensive discharge planning to assist with the transition to home?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Are support groups available for patients and families?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Are therapies provided in a specialized rehabilitation gym?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Are the hallways wide enough for two wheelchairs to pass with ease?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Is the general atmosphere clean, pleasant and cheerful?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Does the facility have a written description of patients' rights and responsibilities?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Does the hospital provide swallowing evaluations and the treatment of swallowing disorders?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Does the facility provide aquatic therapy on site?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Does the hospital provide a continuum of care, including acute rehabilitation and specialized outpatient services?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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