



Selecting criteria

How to read the yellow highlights, and why to select everything the chart supports.

1. Read the yellow highlights

Yellow highlights call out how many criteria points need to be selected to satisfy each section.

1 Select parent criteria and both sub-criteria

2 Select parent criteria and at least one sub-criteria

3 Select at least one sub-criteria

Heart failure, acute on chronic

Continued symptoms after at least 1 dose of diuretic and ≥ 2h treatment

Dyspnea, not returned to baseline

O₂ sat < 90%(0.90) and < baseline

Finding

Inadequate diuresis +2

Clinical risk factor

Troponin > ULN

Creatinine ≥ 1.5x baseline or estimated baseline

Chronic kidney disease (excludes chronic dialysis) and creatinine ≥ 2.75 mg/dL

BUN ≥ 43 mg/dL

Sodium < 130 mEq/L(130 mmol/L)

Heart rate 100-120/min

SBP < 120 mmHg and < baseline

Frailty +2

Severe and persistent mental illness, cognitive impairment, or substance use disorder +2

1 Select parent criteria and both sub-criteria

Check the parent box. Both sections beneath it must also be met.

2 Select parent criteria and at least one sub-criteria

Check the parent box, plus one or more items beneath it.

3 Select at least one sub-criteria

Select one or more items in that section.

When a section is satisfied, it will turn green, additional selections can still be made in that section if documentation supports it. Bed Status Supported will continue to read “Criteria Not Met” until enough criteria are selected within each section to meet the level of care.

2. Select everything the chart supports

The yellow highlight is the minimum, not the goal. If documentation supports additional criteria points, select those as well. Every criterion you select is listed in the medical necessity note, so additional selections make the note accurate and complete.

Minimum met

Heart failure, acute on chronic

Select one sub-criteria

Continued symptoms after at least 1 dose of diuretic and ≥ 2h treatment

Criteria met

Dyspnea, not returned to baseline

O₂ sat < 90%(0.90) and < baseline

One sub-criterion is selected and the section turns green.

Accurate and complete

Heart failure, acute on chronic

Select one sub-criteria

Continued symptoms after at least 1 dose of diuretic and ≥ 2h treatment

Criteria met

Dyspnea, not returned to baseline

O₂ sat < 90%(0.90) and < baseline

The chart also documents O₂ sat below 90% and below baseline, so that criterion is selected too.

Example: In a patient with a heart failure exacerbation, if their dyspnea had not returned to baseline 2 hours after diuretics and O₂ sat dropped to 89% on room air. Only one sub-criterion was required, but both were documented, so both were selected.