



The Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation (CCF) manages an **Accredited Center of Care Program**. A designated CCF-Accredited Center of Care provides expert care and specialized disease management to children living with cardiomyopathy. Center accreditation assures high-quality cardiac care and assists families in selecting a treatment provider that is highly skilled and experienced in treating different forms of pediatric cardiomyopathy. A center is required to meet the below criteria before being listed as a CCF-Accredited Center of Care.

### **Basic Center Requirements**

Centers must meet all of the below requirements:

- Manages on an annual basis 30 or more cardiomyopathy patients (birth to 18 years) or 60 or more pediatric cardiomyopathy patient visits a year
- At least one pediatric cardiologist who treats patients with dilated, hypertrophic, restrictive, arrhythmogenic right ventricular, or left ventricular non-compaction cardiomyopathy
- A teaching hospital affiliated with a medical school
- Offers the following services for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric cardiomyopathy:
  - Prenatal or fetal echocardiography
  - High quality imaging (echocardiogram, cardiac magnetic resonance imaging)
  - Interventional cardiology (catheterization, endomyocardial biopsy)
  - Pediatric cardiac electrophysiology
  - Cardiac surgical services (septal myectomy, cardiac device implantation)
  - Genetic testing and counseling
  - Pediatric neurology
  - Social work
  - Child life

### **Additional Center Requirements**

Centers also must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- Offers a specialized clinic or program focused on pediatric cardiomyopathy or familial hypertrophic cardiomyopathy with a dedicated team of pediatric cardiologists, electrophysiologist, pediatric geneticists, neurologists, cardiac surgeons, pediatric social worker, and child life specialist
- Involved with the North America Pediatric Cardiomyopathy Registry, Pediatric Cardiomyopathy Repository, or Pediatric Heart Transplant Study Group
- Engages in pediatric cardiomyopathy research
- Offers advanced heart failure management and pediatric heart transplantation services

**Disclaimer**

The designation of CCF-Accredited Center of Care indicates that a center is experienced in medical services specific to cardiomyopathy in children. The Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation provides the CCF-Accredited Centers of Care listing to families as a courtesy and for informational purposes. Families are encouraged to evaluate each medical center on its own merits and in relation to their child's medical diagnosis and needs, family situation, and insurance coverage.