

Joint Commission Launches AI Governance Certification for Health Care

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The Joint Commission launched its [Responsible Use of AI in Healthcare \(RUAIH\) certification program](#), a voluntary certification recognizes hospitals and health systems that have established the governance structures, safeguards, monitoring processes, and workforce education needed to deploy AI responsibly. The certification standards are organized around five major areas: (1) governance; (2) effective data management; (3) risk and bias reduction; (4) monitoring, evaluating, and validating safety, performance, and responsible use; and (5) transparency, education, and training. The certification program does not evaluate or certify individual AI products or appropriate use cases. Rather, it assesses whether organizations have implemented sound governance and responsible-use practices.

Paralleling this announcement, the Coalition for Health AI (CHAI) released a [complementary series of in-depth governance playbooks](#) address core governance elements such as organizational AI policy and oversight committees, risk and impact assessments, lifecycle management, responsible data use, and third-party vendor oversight. The playbooks operationalize the [joint guidance](#) the organizations issued by CHAI and the Joint Commission in September 2025 and are intended to provide a practical framework for organizations pursuing the Joint Commission's RUAIH certification.