



2025 HOSPITAL RECOGNITION CRITERIA (based on 2024 data)



GOLD

Eight or more consecutive quarters and ≥ 2 stroke or TIA records annually



SILVER

Four consecutive quarters and ≥ 2 stroke or TIA records annually



BRONZE

One calendar quarter and ≥ 1 stroke or TIA record per quarter

Rural Acute Stroke Composite Score Criteria: At least 75% Compliance

Time to Intravenous Thrombolytic Therapy
 ≤ 60 minutes (AHASTR13)

Door-In/Door-Out Time at First Hospital Prior
to Transfer for Acute Therapy ≤ 90 Minutes (AHASTR27)

National Institutes of Health
Stroke Scale (NIHSS) Reported (AHASTR10)

Door to CT ≤ 25 min (AHASTR305)

Dysphagia Screen (AHASTR306)

Documentation of Last Known Well or
Time of Discovery of Stroke Symptoms (AHASTR270)

IV Thrombolytic Therapy Arrive by 3.5 Hours
Treat by 4.5 Hours (AHASTR5)

EMS Pre-notification (AHASTR39)

Non-Contrast Brain CT or MRI Interpreted
Within 45 Minutes of Arrival (AHASTR272)

Stroke Consultation Done (AHASTR307)



Eligible Hospitals

Federally Designated Critical Access Hospitals or
Short Term Acute Care Hospitals within Rural Urban Commuting
Areas (RUCA) geographically classified as large rural, small
rural or isolated.

