

MISSION: LIFELINE[®] (STEMI) Heart Attack Accreditation

OVERVIEW FACT SHEET



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BACKGROUND

The goal of Mission: Lifeline STEMI (Heart Attack) Accreditation is to improve outcomes for ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) patients by advancing treatment standards. Developed in conjunction with Mission: Lifeline[®], an American Heart Association program that helps establish and improve coordinated systems of care for STEMI treatment, the accreditations recognize hospitals that meet specific standards as STEMI (Heart Attack) Receiving or Referring Centers. Accreditation denotes the highest level of commitment to consistent and optimal STEMI care at the system level.

ACCREDITATION TYPES

There are two types of Mission: Lifeline Accreditation hospitals can earn:

- **STEMI (Heart Attack) Receiving Center Accreditation**

Identifies STEMI Receiving Centers that provide 24/7 Primary PCI coverage for STEMI patients.

- **STEMI (Heart Attack) Referring Center Accreditation**

Identifies STEMI Referring Centers without 24/7 Primary PCI coverage that transfer STEMI patients to a primary PCI-capable STEMI Receiving Centers.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Mission: Lifeline STEMI (Heart Attack) Accreditation, the applying hospital must participate in the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline STEMI (Heart Attack) Program. Evidence of participation may be one of the following:

- Have an active GWTG-CAD Agreement
- Receiving Centers must have a minimum of at least 36 Primary PCI procedures performed in any consecutive rolling 4 quarters of the previous 6 quarters
- Referring Centers must enter a minimum of at least 10 STEMI patients over the previous 18 months
- Smoke free campus

If your hospital is not participating in GWTG-CAD or Mission: Lifeline or is unable to submit, please review the guidance section in the standards manual for additional options of data submission to meet eligibility requirements.

REQUIREMENTS

Details of the Mission: Lifeline STEMI (Heart Attack) Accreditation requirements and further information about eligibility is available at www.heart.org/accreditation. Complete the web form or contact accreditation@heart.org to request a current accreditation standards manual.

AHA will continue to honor the previous Mission: Lifeline STEMI (Heart Attack) accreditation fee structure and will grandfather in accredited hospitals at their existing rate.

- The accreditation fee of **\$20,000** applies to facilities applying for Mission: Lifeline STEMI (Heart Attack) accreditation for the first time or for facilities that did not previously bundle their accreditation with Chest Pain Center accreditation.
- An accreditation fee of **\$7,000** applies to facilities applying for renewal of Mission: Lifeline STEMI (Heart Attack) accreditation who previously bundled their accreditation with Chest Pain Center accreditation.

BENEFITS

Accreditation offers:

- An opportunity to further improve processes and build upon Mission: Lifeline participation or recognition
- An opportunity to improve cardiac care by providing a standardized, system approach to the treatment of STEMI patients
- A means of forwarding the AHA's goal of improving the systems collaboration in the quality and safety of care, treatment, and services
- The use of the AHA's Heart-Check mark, a symbol millions of Americans recognize and trust, to promote to promote accreditation and exceptional STEMI care

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To learn more, visit the American Heart Association hospital accreditation program website at www.heart.org/accreditation. For answers to your questions, contact accreditation@heart.org.