



2026
HOSPITAL RECOGNITION CRITERIA
(based on 2025 data)



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



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

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.

