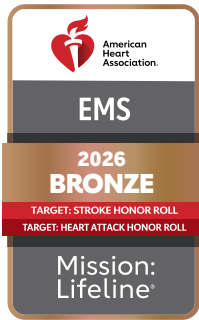


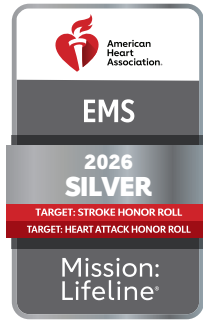


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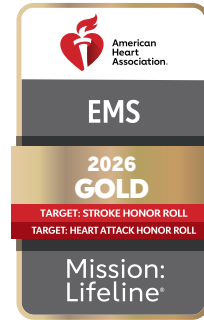
2026
EMS RECOGNITION CRITERIA
(based on 2025 data)



At least one calendar quarter of compliance $\geq 75\%$ for all required measures



Aggregated annual compliance of $\geq 75\%$ for each required measure



Aggregated annual compliance of $\geq 75\%$ for each required measure and Silver or Gold award in 2025

Individual Agency Mission: Lifeline® EMS Award Measures

- AHAEMS1.1** Pre-arrival notification for suspected stroke
- AHAEMS2.1** Documentation of last known well for patients with suspected stroke
- AHAEMS3.1** Evaluation of blood glucose for patients with suspected stroke
- AHAEMS4.1** Stroke screen performed and documented
- AHAEMS5.1** 12-lead ECG performed within 10 minutes for suspected heart attack
- AHAEMS6.1** Aspirin administration for suspected heart attack
- AHAEMS7.1** Pre-arrival notification ≤ 10 minutes for STEMI positive ECG

Volume Criteria: At least 4 patients for the calendar year (>1 STEMI patient and >1 Stroke Patient)

System of Care Target: Heart Attack Distinction

Aggregated annual compliance of $\geq 75\%$ for all required measures

AHAEMS8.1

EMS First Medical Contact (FMC) to PCI ≤ 90 minutes for Patients with STEMI

or

AHAEMS9.1

EMS First Medical Contact to Thrombolytic Administration < 60 minutes for Patients with STEMI

Volume Criteria: At least 4 STEMI patients for the calendar year

System of Care Target: Stroke Distinction

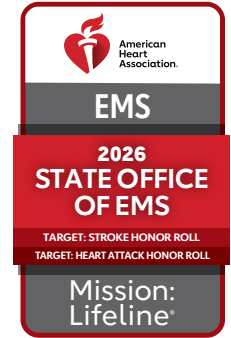
Aggregated annual compliance of $\geq 50\%$ for all required measures

AHAEMS10.1

EMS First Medical Contact to Thrombolytic Administration < 90 minutes for Patients with stroke

Volume Criteria: At least 4 stroke patients for the calendar year

New in 2026!



Medical Oversight and State Office of EMS Awards

For Medical Oversight Organizations and State Offices of EMS that provide medical direction, protocols, training, quality reporting, etc. to multiple individually licensed EMS agencies.

- Recognition Requirement same as Individual Agency
- Eligible for System of Care Distinctions
- Recognition is only for the Medical Oversight organization or State Office of EMS
- Individual agencies must submit data to be recognized
- Aggregate denominator/numerator for all licensed agencies in Medical Oversight organization or State Office of EMS