



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STROKE AWARDS



PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026

Data for these awards will be pulled from the AR Stroke Registry and EMS Data Repository and presented to hospitals, EMS agencies and Arkansas geographic regions, on or after **October 1, 2026**.

HOSPITAL - to qualify, a hospital must be designated for stroke care through ADH or national accreditation body

- Stroke Band Award - Given to the small, medium, and large hospital with the highest percentage of documentation of stroke band identification number, based on percentiles.
- Door to CT - Given to the small, medium, and large hospitals with the lowest average door to CT times, filtered to include only patients presenting with last known well time within 24 hours of arrival, based on percentiles.
- CDC Defect-Free Care – The top performing hospitals within each category of small, medium, and large, based on percentiles, will receive the CDC Coverdell Defect-Free Care award.

Source:	Hospitals		
	Small Bed size	Medium Bed size	Large Bed size
AR Stroke Registry			
Stroke Band Award	X	X	X
Door to CT Award	X	X	X
CDC Coverdell Defect-Free Care Award	X	X	X

*A small size hospital is defined as 0-50 beds; medium size is 51-150 beds and large is greater than 150 beds. NOTE: A minimum of 5 patients must be seen within the period of performance to qualify for an award.

EMS AGENCY

- Stroke Band Award - Given to the low-medium volume, and high-volume EMS agency with the highest percentage of documentation of stroke band identification numbers for suspected stroke cases, based on percentiles.
- Pre-notification - Given to the low-medium volume, and high-volume EMS agency with the highest percentage of documentation of pre-notification, based on percentiles.

Source:	EMS	
	Call Volume*	
EMS Data Repository	Low-Medium	High
Stroke Band Award	X	X

*A low-medium stroke call volume EMS service is defined as having at least three stroke runs, and between 3-20 stroke runs within the period of performance. A large volume EMS service is defined as having over 20 stroke runs within the period of performance.

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	Call Volume*	
EMS Data Repository	Low-Medium	High
Pre-notification Award	X	X

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STATE REGION

- Pre-notification - Given to the region with the highest percentage of documentation of pre-notification.
- Stroke Band Award - Given to the region with the highest percentage of documentation of stroke band identification numbers.
- Door to CT - Given to the region with the lowest average door to CT times, filtered to include patients with last known well to arrival times to arrival within 24 hours.

Source:	Regional Locations Across Arkansas*
AR Stroke Registry	
Pre-Notification Award	Region with the Highest % Documentation
Stroke Band Award	Region with the Highest % Documentation
Door to CT Award	Region with the Lowest Average Door to CT time (min)

*Regions are defined as one of the seven geographical regions of Arkansas including: AR Valley, Central, Northwest, North Central, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast.

TRANSITION OF CARE

- This award is available to be received by up to three healthcare organizations or individuals involved with stroke patient transition of care (including community paramedics, nurses, physicians, etc.) This recognition will honor the awardee for the exceptional work they did with stroke patients and/or their families as part of the transition of care for the patient. Nominations will be accepted via survey to include the reason for the nomination and justification, and a review team will decide who is to receive the award.

Source:	Transitions of Care*
Survey Review	
Organizations and/or individuals including Community Paramedics, Nurses, Physicians and others can be nominated	Organization and/or Individual #1
	Organization and/or Individual #2
	Organization and/or Individual #3

*Surveys will be reviewed for the exceptional care and work provided for stroke patients and/or their families. Three winners will be announced.

Award winners will be announced with official press releases and recipients will receive certificates of recognition.

Questions? Please contact:

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