

**2026**  
**HOSPITAL RECOGNITION CRITERIA**  
*(based on 2025 data)*

**ST-SEGMENT ELEVATION MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION (STEMI) RECEIVING CENTER**

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**ACHIEVEMENT SCORE  
 75% OR GREATER**

- Arrival to PCI ≤ 90 minutes (AHACAD9)
- Aspirin at Discharge (AHACAD3)
- Beta Blocker at Discharge (AHACAD4)
- ACEI/ARB at Discharge (AHACAD1)
- Cardiac Rehab Referral from Inpatient Setting (AHACAD5)
- High-Intensity Statin at Discharge (AHACAD7)
- EMS FMC to PCI ≤ 90 minutes or ≤ 120 minutes when EMS Drive Time ≥ 45 minutes and D2B ≤ 30 minutes (AHACAD8)
- Arrival to 12 lead ECG ≤ 10 minutes (AHACAD6)

**ACHIEVEMENT SCORE  
 50% OR GREATER**

Arrival at First Hospital to PCI ≤ 120 minutes (AHACAD2)  
 for patients transferred for primary PCI

**+**  
**PLUS MEASURE  
 ACHIEVEMENT SCORE  
 25% OR GREATER**

Bronze Plus must be achieved in the same award quarter as the base Bronze award

FMC at or Before First Hospital Arrival to PCI ≤ 120 minutes (AHACAD10)

for patients transferred for primary PCI



**GOLD**

2 consecutive calendar years  
 (data in all 8 quarters)



**SILVER**

1 calendar year  
 (data in all 4 quarters)



**BRONZE**

1 calendar quarter

**• VOLUME CRITERIA •**

- ≥ 40 records (combined STEMI & NSTEMI)
- ≥ 40 records (combined STEMI & NSTEMI) AND ≥ 9 in the quarter



American Heart Association.  
Target: Type 2 Diabetes<sup>SM</sup>

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**THE AWARD REPORTING PERIOD MUST:**

- 1** Be the same calendar year as your eligible achievement award
- 2** Include the same patient population as is included in the eligible achievement award



American Heart Association.  
Get With The Guidelines.  
Stroke



American Heart Association.  
Get With The Guidelines.  
Coronary Artery Disease



American Heart Association.  
Get With The Guidelines.  
Heart Failure

**Hospital Must Qualify for Silver Level or Higher Achievement Award**

**≥10 Patients with a New Onset or Previous History of Diabetes**

**Overall Diabetes Cardiovascular Initiative Composite Score (AHASTR150) criteria:**  
≥ 80% Compliance for 12 Consecutive Months (Calendar Year)

IV Thrombolytics Arrive by 3.5 hours / Treat by 4.5 hours (AHASTR149)

Early Antithrombotics for Patients With Diabetes (AHASTR148)

VTE Prophylaxis (AHASTR154)

Antithrombotic Prescribed at Discharge (AHASTR145)

Anticoagulation Prescribed for AFib/AFlutter at Discharge (AHASTR144)

Smoking Cessation (AHASTR151)

Intensive Statin Prescribed at Discharge (AHASTR298)

Diabetes Treatment (AHASTR130)

Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes (TLC) Recommendations at Discharge (AHASTR153)

Antihyperglycemic Medication With Proven CVD Benefit (AHASTR146)

**Overall Diabetes Cardiovascular Initiative Composite Score (AHACAD73) criteria:**  
≥ 75% Compliance for 12 Consecutive Months (Calendar Year)

ACE-I or ARB for LVSD at Discharge for Patients with Diabetes (AHACAD66)

Adult Smoking Cessation Advice for Patients with Diabetes (AHACAD67)

Antihyperglycemic Medication with Proven CVD Benefit (AHACAD74)

Aspirin at Discharge for Patients with Diabetes (AHACAD68)

Beta-Blocker at Discharge for Patients with Diabetes (AHACAD69)

Cardiac Rehabilitation Patient Referral from an Inpatient Setting (AHACAD70)

Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Prescribed at Discharge (AHACAD71)

High-Intensity Statin at Discharge (AHACAD72)

**Overall Diabetes Cardiovascular Initiative Composite Score (AHAHF112) criteria:**  
≥ 75% Compliance for 12 Consecutive Months (Calendar Year)

ACEI/ARBs or ARNI at Discharge (AHAHF77)

Evidence-Based Beta Blocker Prescribed at Discharge (AHAHF78)

Post-Discharge Appointment Scheduled (AHAHF80)

Smoking Cessation (AHAHF82)

Left Ventricular Function Assessed (AHAHF79)

Lipid-Lowering Medication Prescribed at Discharge (AHAHF81)

Diabetes Treatment (AHAHF26)

Antihyperglycemic Medication With Proven CVD Benefit (AHAHF84)