







Eight or more consecutive quarters and ≥2 stroke or TIA records annually



Four consecutive quarters and ≥2 stroke or TIA records annuallu



One calendar quarter and ≥1 stroke or TIA record per quarter

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

Time to Intravenous Thrombolytic Therapy
≤ 60 minutes

Door-In/Door-Out Time at First Hospital Prior to Transfer for Acute Therapy ≤ 90 Minutes

National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) Reported

Door to CT ≤ 25 Minutes

Dysphagia Screen

Documentation of Last Known Well or Time of Discovery of Stroke Symptoms

IV Thrombolytic Therapy Arrive by 3.5 Hours Treat by 4.5 Hours

EMS Pre-notification

Non-Contrast Brain CT or MRI Interpreted Within 45 Minutes of Arrival



Get With The Guidelines® – Stroke Rural Recognition is available as a stand-alone award or add-on banner to a standard Get With The Guidelines- Stroke award, starting with 2022 data submitted.

Eligible Hospitals

Federally Designated Critical Access Hospitals

Short Term Acute Care Facility and Rural Hospital located within Rural Urban Commuting Area Codes (RUCA) indicating large rural, small rural and isolated geographic locations



