

# The Cardiac System of Care



Program Description	Acute Heart Attack Ready (AHAR) Certification	Primary Heart Attack Center (PHAC) Certification	Comprehensive Heart Attack Center (CHAC) Certification	Comprehensive Cardiac Center (CCC) Certification
<p><b>Certification Award Level</b></p>	<p>This certification is offered in collaboration with the American Heart Association. Hospitals meeting program requirements for Advanced Disease Specific Acute Heart Attack Ready Certification (AHAR) are awarded this certification for providing heart attack care, treatment, and services that include the following cardiovascular services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute Coronary Syndrome management</li> <li>• Cardiac resuscitation &amp; cardiogenic shock management</li> <li>• Cardiac rehabilitation referral (as applicable)</li> </ul>	<p>This certification is offered in collaboration with the American Heart Association. Hospitals meeting program requirements for Advanced Disease Specific Primary Heart Attack Certification (PHAC) are awarded this certification for providing heart attack care, treatment, and services that include the following cardiovascular services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute Coronary Syndrome management</li> <li>• Percutaneous coronary interventions</li> <li>• Cardiac resuscitation &amp; cardiogenic shock management</li> <li>• Cardiac rehabilitation referral (as applicable)</li> </ul>	<p>This certification is offered in collaboration with the American Heart Association. Hospitals meeting program requirements for Advanced Disease Specific Comprehensive Heart Attack Center Certification (CHAC) are awarded this certification for providing comprehensive heart attack care, treatment, and services that include the following cardiovascular services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute Coronary Syndrome management</li> <li>• Percutaneous coronary interventions</li> <li>• Cardiac surgeries</li> <li>• Cardiac resuscitation &amp; cardiogenic shock management</li> <li>• Cardiac rehabilitation (either on site or by referral)</li> </ul>	<p>This certification is offered in collaboration with the American Heart Association. Hospitals meeting program requirements for Comprehensive Cardiac Center (CCC) certification are awarded this certification for providing advanced, comprehensive cardiovascular care, treatment, and services that include the following cardiovascular services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute Coronary Syndrome management</li> <li>• Percutaneous coronary interventions</li> <li>• Cardiac and vascular surgeries</li> <li>• Cardiac resuscitation &amp; cardiogenic shock management</li> <li>• Structural heart disease management</li> <li>• Cardiac Dysrhythmias (arrhythmia) management</li> <li>• Advanced Heart failure management, including outpatient services</li> <li>• Cardiac rehabilitation (either on site or by referral)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Program Requirements</b></p>	<p>The AHAR certification requires hospitals: 1. To have access to cardiovascular expertise and provide the following services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:</p>	<p>The PHAC certification requires hospitals: 1. To have access to cardiovascular expertise and provides the following services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:</p>	<p>The CHAC certification requires hospitals: 1. To have access to cardiovascular expertise and provide the following services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:</p>	<p>The CCC certification requires hospitals: 1. To have access to cardiovascular expertise and provides the following services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:</p>

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<b>Heart Attack Systems of Care Equivalency</b>	<p>The AHAR certification meets the characteristics of a Level III heart attack/STEMI referring hospital as described in the Systems of Care for ST-Segment–Elevation Myocardial Infarction: A Policy Statement From the American Heart Association (<a href="#">Circulation</a>) that focuses on timely reperfusion therapies for STEMI, NSTEMI, and other life-threatening, time-sensitive cardiac emergencies.</p> <p>Certified AHARs are STEMI referring centers that may or may not perform PCIs.</p>	<p>The PHAC certification meets the characteristics of a Level II heart attack/STEMI receiving hospital as described in the Systems of Care for ST-Segment–Elevation Myocardial Infarction: A Policy Statement From the American Heart Association (<a href="#">Circulation</a>) that focuses on timely reperfusion therapies for STEMI, NSTEMI, and other life-threatening, time-sensitive cardiac emergencies.</p> <p>Certified PHACs are STEMI receiving centers that perform PCIs.</p>	<p>The CHAC certification meets the characteristics of a Level I heart attack/STEMI receiving hospital as described in the Systems of Care for ST-Segment–Elevation Myocardial Infarction: A Policy Statement From the American Heart Association (<a href="#">Circulation</a>) that focuses on timely reperfusion therapies for STEMI, NSTEMI, and other life-threatening, time-sensitive cardiac emergencies.</p> <p>Certified CHACs are STEMI receiving centers that provide complex heart attack care interventions.</p>	<p>The CCC certification meets the characteristics of a Level I heart attack/STEMI receiving hospital as described in the Systems of Care for ST-Segment–Elevation Myocardial Infarction: A Policy Statement From the American Heart Association (<a href="#">Circulation</a>) that focuses on timely reperfusion therapies for STEMI, NSTEMI, and other life-threatening, time-sensitive cardiac emergencies.</p> <p>Certified CCCs are STEMI receiving centers that provide complex cardiovascular care and additional cardiovascular interventions.</p>