

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>Certification Award Level</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 that includes at least 3 domains of cardiovascular services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute Coronary Syndrome • Cardiac arrest & cardiogenic shock • Cardiac rehabilitation referral (as applicable) 	<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 that includes at least 4 domains of cardiovascular services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute Coronary Syndrome • Cardiac interventions • Cardiac arrest & cardiogenic shock • Cardiac rehabilitation referral (as applicable) 	<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 that includes at least 5 domains of cardiovascular services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute Coronary Syndrome • Cardiac interventions • Cardiac surgeries • Cardiac arrest & cardiogenic shock • Cardiac rehabilitation & continuity of care 	<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 that includes all 9 domains of cardiovascular services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute Coronary Syndrome • Cardiac interventions • Cardiovascular surgeries • Cardiac arrest & cardiogenic shock • Structural heart disease • Dysrhythmias • Heart failure • Cardiovascular and co-morbidity risk factor identification and cardiac disease prevention • Cardiac rehabilitation, long-term transitions of care & outpatient management of cardiovascular disease
<p>Program Requirements</p>	<p>The AHAR certification requires hospitals:</p>	<p>The PHAC certification requires hospitals:</p>	<p>The CHAC certification requires hospitals:</p>	<p>The CCC certification requires hospitals:</p>

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	<p>1. To have access to cardiovascular expertise and provide the following services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency services • Cardiology expertise (may be in person, telemedicine, or phone consultation) <p>2. Quality program improvements and outcomes to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert consensus guideline therapy recommendations • Performance improvement activities related to Acute coronary syndrome (ACS) • Standardized performance measures • Participation in American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® - Coronary Artery Disease • Outcomes that improve quality and safety in ACS patients 	<p>1. To have access to cardiovascular expertise and provides the following services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency services • Cardiology • Interventional cardiology <p>2. To achieve the following organizational case volumes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs at least 200 percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) procedures/year • Performs at least 36 primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PPCI) for STEMI/STEMI equivalent procedures/year <p>3. Quality program improvements and outcomes to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert consensus guideline therapy recommendations • Performance improvement activities related to Acute coronary syndrome (ACS) • Standardized performance measures • Participation in American Heart Association's Get 	<p>1. To have access to cardiovascular expertise and provide the following services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency services • Cardiology • Interventional cardiology • Cardiac surgery <p>2. To achieve the following organizational case volumes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs at least 400 percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) procedures/year • Performs at least 36 primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PPCI) for STEMI/STEMI equivalent procedures/year <p>3. Quality program improvements and outcomes to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert consensus guideline therapy recommendations • Performance improvement activities related to Acute coronary syndrome (ACS) • Standardized performance measures 	<p>1. To have access to cardiovascular expertise and provides the following services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency services • Cardiology • Interventional cardiology • Cardiothoracic surgery • Heart failure • Electrophysiology • Vascular surgery • Structural heart procedures • Non-invasive cardiology <p>2. To achieve the following organizational case volumes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs at least 200 percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) procedures/year • Performs at least 36 primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PPCI) for STEMI/STEMI equivalent procedures/year • Performs at least 125 coronary artery bypass grafts (CABG) surgeries/year • Performs at least 50 valve repair and/or

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		<p>With The Guidelines® - Coronary Artery Disease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcomes that improve quality and safety in ACS patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in American Heart Association’s Get With The Guidelines® - Coronary Artery Disease Outcomes that improve quality and safety in ACS patients 	<p>replacement procedures/year</p> <p>3. Quality program improvements and outcomes to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expert consensus guideline therapy recommendations Performance improvement activities in all 9 domains of cardiovascular services Standardized performance measures Participation in applicable registries Outcomes that improve quality and safety in cardiovascular patient populations
<p>Heart Attack Systems of Care Equivalency</p>	<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 (<u>Circulation</u>) that focuses on timely reperfusion therapies for STEMI, NSTEMI, and other life-threatening, time-sensitive cardiac emergencies.</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 (<u>Circulation</u>) that focuses on timely reperfusion therapies for STEMI, NSTEMI, and other life-threatening, time-sensitive cardiac emergencies.</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 (<u>Circulation</u>) that focuses on timely reperfusion therapies for STEMI, NSTEMI, and other life-threatening, time-sensitive cardiac emergencies.</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 (<u>Circulation</u>) that focuses on timely reperfusion therapies for STEMI, NSTEMI, and other life-threatening, time-sensitive cardiac emergencies.</p>

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	Certified AHARs are STEMI referring centers that may or may not perform PCIs.	Certified PHACs are STEMI receiving centers that perform PCIs.	Certified CHACs are STEMI receiving centers that provide complex heart attack care interventions.	Certified CCCs are STEMI receiving centers that provide complex cardiovascular care and additional cardiovascular interventions.