

# 2024 EMS Stroke Quality Improvement Awards

## MINNESOTA STROKE PROGRAM

### Background

Successful and effective stroke treatment by EMS requires a commitment to continuous quality improvement. These efforts drive the quality of care delivered to stroke patients – which leads to better outcomes. EMS agencies in the state of Minnesota are an integral part of the system providing timely patient care and alerting the receiving hospitals of an incoming stroke patient.

### Purpose

This award program aims to recognize and showcase successful quality improvement projects throughout the state of Minnesota’s EMS agencies. We plan to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of up to five applicants through an awards ceremony and on our Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Stroke Program website.

### How to apply

Applications will be accepted until Friday Sept. 27, 2024, 5:00 p.m. CT via [MDH EMS QI Awards \(https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=WMADLX84NJYLPFNW\)](https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=WMADLX84NJYLPFNW)

Applications can be saved and returned prior to submission.

### Scoring

We have an internal review committee that independently evaluates each application. After each reviewer completes their scoring, all score cards are collated, and the reviewers meet to discuss the results. Applications will be scored based on:

- Plan identification
- Plan description
- Implementation description
- Implementation challenges
- Lessons learned
- Results
- Photo

### Submission Deadline

Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, 5:00 p.m. CT

## Evaluation/Acknowledgment

After the submission deadline, MDH staff will evaluate all applications and award up to five (5) EMS agencies Stroke Quality Improvement Award. MDH reserves the right to adjust the number of awards at its discretion. We will evaluate based on a) quality of plan design and implementation and b) story-telling clarity. MDH will work with all award recipients to copy edit their stories for publication. Award recipients will receive a certificate and use of award program logo on promotional and marketing materials, including web sites. Recipients will be recognized through an awards ceremony and on the MDH Stroke Program website.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **New! How do I apply?**

Fill out and complete the 2024 EMS Stroke Quality Improvement Award application in REDCap: [MDH EMS QI Awards](https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=WMADLX84NJYLPFNW) (<https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=WMADLX84NJYLPFNW>).

You are still able to work on the application gradually and save your progress in REDCap. Save and return later by entering your email address to receive a link to your working application. Once you submit it in REDCap, you will receive a confirmation email with a copy of your completed application.

### **How will the award recipients be recognized?**

We plan to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of the award winners on our Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Stroke Program website as well as during either a webinar and/or in person opportunity. Award recipients will also receive an award plaque to recognize this achievement and bumper stickers for placement on your ambulances if desired.

### **Can we apply again if we were not selected last year?**

Yes! We welcome you to apply again using the new application in REDCap.

### **Can we apply again if we won an award last year?**

Yes! As long as this year's application is about a new QI initiative, you are welcome to apply.

### **When will award winners be notified?**

Applicants will receive an email notification if their application has been selected for an award no later than November 2024.

## Questions?

Please contact [health.stroke@state.mn.us](mailto:health.stroke@state.mn.us).

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