



Memorandum

DATE: May 14, 2026
TO: All Interested Parties
FROM: Katherine Shafer, M.D., EMS Medical Director
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SUBJ.: National Recognition for Treatment of Heart Attack and Stroke Patients

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform all interested parties that San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SJCEMSA) received national recognition for its commitment to quality care for heart attack and stroke patients. These achievements demonstrate that San Joaquin County's EMS system including prehospital, hospital, and specialty care personnel provide high performance care and obtain superior patient outcomes.

SJCEMSA received the American Heart Association's [Mission: Lifeline® EMS](#) Medical Oversight with Target: Stroke Honor Roll and Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll achievement awards for its commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to people experiencing both heart attacks and neurovascular emergencies.

The Mission: Lifeline achievement award is earned by agencies that demonstrate a commitment to treating patients according to the most up-to-date research-based practices as outlined by the American Heart Association.

Please contact Jeff Costa, EMS Specialty Care Coordinator at jcosta@sjgov.org with any questions or concerns.