



Office of EMS/Trauma System  
Consumer Protection Division  
Designated Stroke Facility Program

### Policy for Stroke Facility Designation Applications and Certification

A facility may apply for Comprehensive Stroke Facility (Level I) designation after the facility is granted certification by one of the following department-recognized agencies:

- The Joint Commission (TJC); or
- Det Norske Veritas Global Healthcare (DNV-GL).

A facility may apply for Primary Stroke Facility (Level II) designation after the facility is granted certification by one of the following department-recognized agencies:

- The Joint Commission (TJC);
- Det Norske Veritas Global Healthcare (DNV-GL);
- The Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ); or
- Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP).

A facility may apply for Support Stroke Facility (Level III) designation after the facility is surveyed by the following department-recognized agency:

- Texas EMS Trauma and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF).

The department will not designate a stroke facility with conditional certification by a department-recognized agency.

If a change occurs in the certification status or if a facility is de-certified, the facility must notify the department within 5 days of notification by the department-recognized agency.