Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Program

Creating a culture that connects health care professionals—across the system of care—to improve stroke care and save lives.

The goal of the Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Program (Coverdell Program) is to develop high-quality stroke systems of care to save lives and prevent premature disability and death. Stroke systems of care improve care and support for patients throughout their health care journey—from the first symptoms of stroke, emergency medical services (EMS) transport, and hospital care to follow-up with outpatient providers.

Benefits of partnering with the Coverdell Program:

- Sharing of best practices
- Data collection to inform quality improvement
- Improved collaboration between hospitals, EMS agencies, and outpatient providers
- Improved quality of stroke care
- Reduced door-to-intervention and treatment times
- Online and in-person trainings for staff
- Improved staff and community awareness of stroke symptoms
- Better education and outcomes for stroke survivors
- Recognition/support from national and state governments and organizations

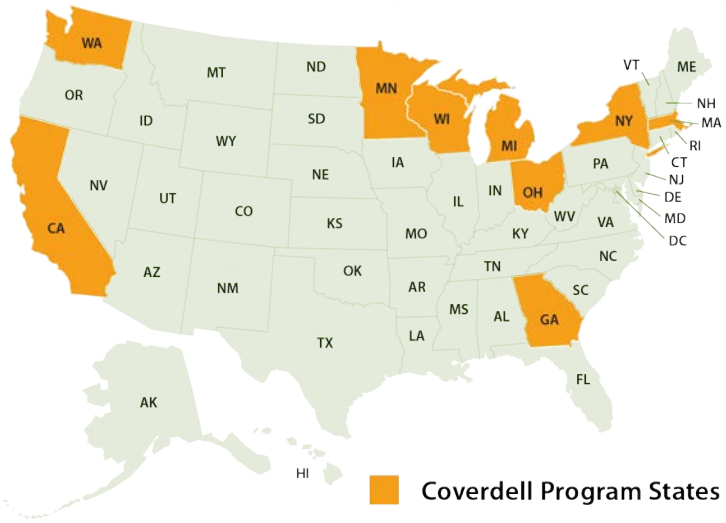
Coverdell Care Continuum

Pre-Hospital → **In-Hospital** → **Post-Hospital**

Community	Emergency Medical Services	Emergency Department	In-patient	Discharge Coordination	Community
• Promote public prevention messages • Improve EMS care and transitions		• Improve hospital care and transitions		• Improve post-discharge care • Educate and facilitate home support systems	

• Coordinate partnerships, recruitment, and engagement • Integrate, analyze, and use data • Sustain improvements

Coverdell Program States 2015–2020



Through the Coverdell Program, CDC currently **funds nine state health departments** that partner with hundreds of hospitals, EMS agencies, health care facilities, and community services.

From **2005** to **2015**, over **620,000 patients benefitted** from hospital participation in the Coverdell Program.

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