

# Massachusetts first state to have all its hospitals meet The Joint Commission's new health care equity accreditation standard

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Massachusetts (MA) holds the enviable position of being the first state to have all its hospitals meet The Joint Commission's (TJC's) new health care equity accreditation standard. The [standard](#) requires hospitals to develop an action plan to improve healthcare equity and identify an individual to lead its related activities; analyze quality and safety data to identify disparities; assess patients' health-related social needs; take action when the hospital does not meet the goals in its action plan; and inform groups, such as patients, staff, and health care partners, about progress to improve healthcare equity. The current [plan](#) is that each MA hospital will earn the advanced TJC Health Care Equity Certification by 2025.