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RE: LAC 48:I, Chapter 193, §19305 - LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke

Dear Paige:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final Rule published in the State Register on May 20, 2024.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

- i. a member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- ii. a designated caregiver of such a person; or
- iii. a participant member of the agency with an ADA-qualifying disability.

b. The written public notice for an open meeting, as required by R.S. 42:19, shall include the name, telephone number and email address of the designated agency representative to whom a disability accommodation may be submitted.

c. The requestor with an accommodation shall be provided the teleconference and/or video conference link for participation via electronic means as soon as possible following receipt of the request, but no later than the start of the scheduled meeting.

d. Participation via electronic means shall count for purposes of establishing quorum and voting.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1101-1123 and Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, LR 14:82 (February 1988), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, LR 29:129 (February 2003), 39:1782 (July 2013), LR 41:709 (April 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, LR 50:686 (May 2024).

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RULE

Department of Health Emergency Response Network

LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke (LAC 48:I.19305)

The Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board has exercised the provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, and enacts LAC 48:I.Chapter 193, Stroke Protocols, Section 19305, Destination Protocol: Stroke, as approved by the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board in a meeting of November 16, 2023, as authorized by R.S. 40:2846(A), R.S. 40:2845(A)(7) and R.S. 9:2798.5. The amendment clarifies the existing destination protocol for a stroke to include screening for wake-up stroke by emergency medical services (EMS) and the appropriate destination for those patients. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 48

PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL

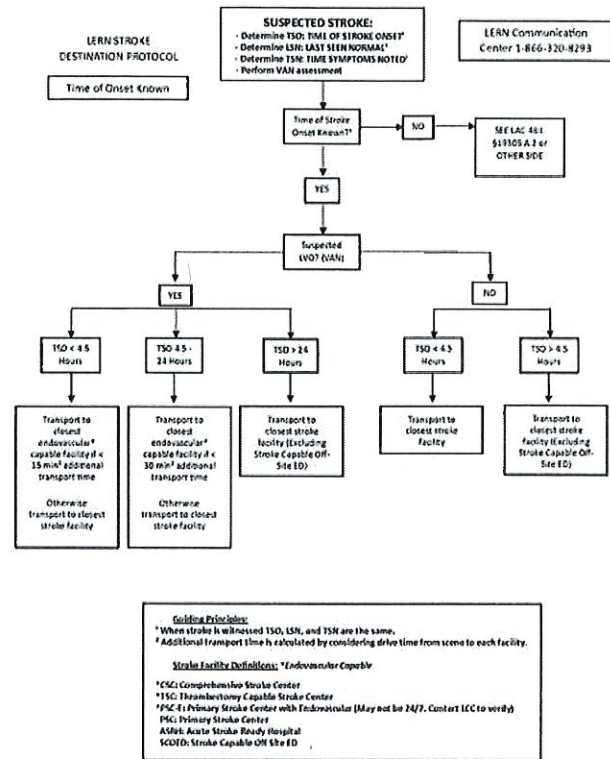
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Subpart 15. Emergency Response Network

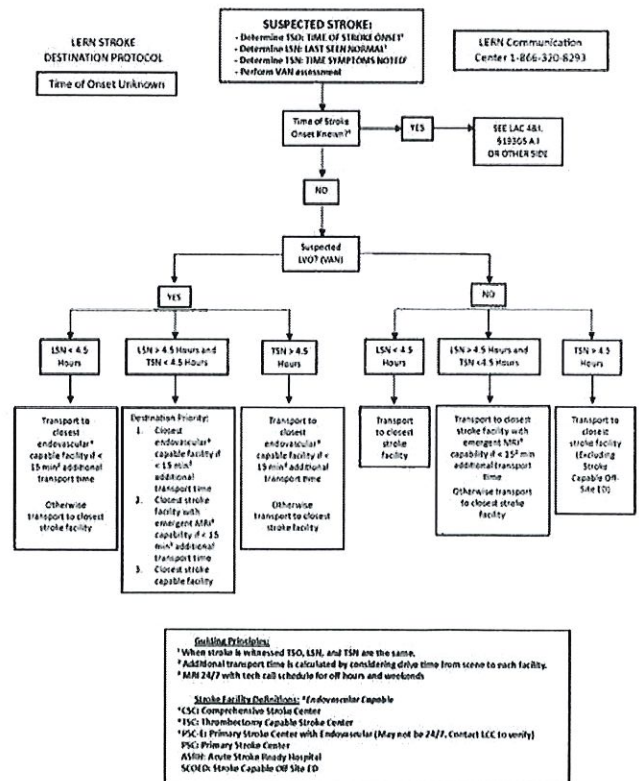
§19305. LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke

A. On November 17, 2023, to be effective January 1, 2024, the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board [R.S. 40:2842(1) and (3)] adopted and promulgated "LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke", amending and replacing the previous "LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke" adopted on April 21, 2017, and set out in Section 19303, as follows:

1. LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke for Known Time of Stroke Onset



2. LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke for Unknown Time of Stroke Onset



AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 9:21798.5 and R.S. 40:2846(A).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network, LR 50:687 (May 2024).

Paige Hargrove
Executive Director

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RULE

Department of Health Office of Public Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

Automated External Defibrillators (LAC 48:I.Chapter 61)

Under the authority of R.S. 36:254(B)(7) and R.S. 40:1137.3, and in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, the Department of Health, Office of Public Health (LDH-OPH) has amended Chapter 61 (Automated External Defibrillators) of Subpart 3 (Licensing and Certification) of Part I (General Administration) of Title 48 (Public Health—General) of the *Louisiana Administrative Code* (LAC). The amendments are necessary to update and revise the Chapter generally, and to match the amendments to R.S. 40:1137.3 made by Act 234 of the 2023 Regular Session.

The Rule amends the Chapter by incorporating changes that revise and augment included definitions, revise and augment certain substantive requirements, and revise and augment the compliance and enforcement provisions, including revised procedures and methodology related to the imposition of monetary penalties.

The Rule also implements the new requirements for postsecondary education institutions, high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools set forth in Act 234 of the 2023 Regular Session, including the requirement that schools and institutions sponsoring intercollegiate or interscholastic athletic events have an AED and a trained user also trained in first-aid CPR at such events, as well as a “cardiac emergency response plan”. The Rule provides that such requirements do not become effective until the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, pursuant to Section 2 of Act 234. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 48

PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL

Part I. General Administration

Subpart 3. Licensing and Certification

Chapter 61. Automated External Defibrillators

§6101. Purpose and Definitions

A. Purpose. These rules establish standards for the maintenance of automated external defibrillators for the owner of or the entity responsible for a physical fitness facility each postsecondary education institution, any postsecondary education institution that sponsors an intercollegiate athletic event, each elementary, middle and high school, and any elementary, middle, or high school that sponsors an interscholastic athletic event that possesses an automated external defibrillator.

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Bureau—unless otherwise specified, the Bureau of Emergency medical Services within the Office of Public Health of the Louisiana Department of Health.

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (Bureau of EMS, BEMS)—the EMS regulatory agency that licenses EMS practitioners; ambulance services/providers and enforces compliance of legislation that regulates telecommunications and possessors of AEDs.

Cardiac Emergency Response Plan—a document written by the principal, president, or chancellor, or chief executive of a postsecondary education institution, elementary, middle, or high school, in collaboration with local emergency responders, that establishes the specific steps to reduce death from cardiac arrest at an intercollegiate or interscholastic athletic event.

Cardiac Emergency Response Team—a group of a minimum of two, but preferably four, individuals credentialed in pediatric, child, and adult CPR and use of an AED.

Credentialed—adult and pediatric expected CPR providers and expected AED users who have completed an adult and pediatric CPR and AED course recognized by a nationally recognized organization or association such as the American Heart Association (AHA), the American Red Cross (ARC), the National Safety Council and the Health and Safety Institute (HSI), or the equivalent cardiopulmonary resuscitation credential that has been approved by the Louisiana Department of Health.

High School—an education facility that typically comprises of grades nine through twelve.

Information Management System—an electronic system used to collect, analyze, and process data that is entered and/or uploaded into the system

Intercollegiate Athletic Events—athletic or sporting competitions between or among postsecondary education institutions, hosted or sponsored by one or more participating institutions.

Interscholastic Athletic Event—athletic or sporting competitions or activities between or among different elementary, middle, or high schools, hosted or sponsored by one or more participating schools.

Middle School—an education facility that typically includes grades seven and eight but may also include grades six and nine; also referred to as Junior High School.

Possessor—any person, service, business, industry, physical fitness facility, entity, postsecondary education institution participating in intercollegiate sport, or security vehicle possessing an AED.

Postsecondary Education Institution—an institution that offers education following successful completion of high school or equivalent (e.g. GED); such institutions provide a higher level of education, and include universities, colleges, and trade, technical, and professional schools.

Premises—the physical facility, its contents, and the contiguous land or property under the control of a person or entity, and may mean a room, shop, building, field, or other definite area.