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Department of Health and Hospitals Emergency Response Network Board

Interregional Transfer Protocol

On June 18, 2009, the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (La. R.S. 40:2842(1)) adopted and promulgated "Interregional Transfer Protocol" for the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (La. R.S. 40:2842(3)), as follows:

Interregional Transfer Protocol

The LERN Interregional Transfer Protocol only applies to those regions and (hospitals/EMS) that are participating in the LERN network.

The interregional transfer protocol will be tested over a 90 day period. At the end of the 90 days all interregional transfers will be reviewed for compliance with protocols, quality, patient safety and standards of care. This information will be shared with commissions of the regions participating as well as the LERN board and the "design the system group". Decisions regarding the Interregional Transfer Protocol will be made at the end of the 90 days trial period.

Interregional Transfer Protocol

1) All patients whose condition exceeds the regionally available resources provided by local area hospitals may be transferred from one region to another following LERN Interregional Transfer Protocol. Destination to the definitive care hospital in the receiving region will follow the LERN Standard Protocol (all laws regarding EMTALA apply).

2) Only regions operating with the LERN Standard Protocol will be involved in the LERN Interregional Transfer Protocol.

3) Patients being transferred via the LERN Interregional Transfer Protocol must:

a. be assessed at a local area hospital for treatment and stabilized by a physician and meet the entry criteria as determined by LERN Standard Protocol

b. treating physician will call LERN to request a transfer to another hospital

c. LCC (LERN Call Center) will determine the closest and most appropriate facility available following LERN Standard Protocol.

d. if there are no available resources in the region then the LCC will locate an appropriate facility outside the region, and a interregional transfer will be considered.

(All LERN interregional transfers will be reviewed by LERN Medical Directors and data will be collected for QI/PI)

Exceptions:

1. EMS requesting LERN for patients located on or close to borders between 2 regions will and can be directed to either region based on the patient needs and available resources.

2. Air-med at the scene that is able to mitigate the time of transfer of long distances will and can be directed to hospitals outside the region they originate from based on patients needs and available resources.

3. LERN Medical Directors will be involved in the decision making (real time) in all patients that fall into the exception category.

On August 20, 2009, the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (La. R.S. 40:2842(1)) adopted and promulgated the amended "Interregional Transfer Protocol" for the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (La. R.S. 40:2842(3)), as follows:

Interregional Transfer Protocol

The LERN Interregional Transfer Protocol only applies to those regions, hospitals and pre-hospital providers that are participating in the LERN network.

The interregional transfer protocol will be tested over a 90 day period, at the end of which all interregional transfers will be reviewed for compliance with protocols, quality, patient safety and standards of care. This information will be shared with regional commissions, LERN Board, and LERN Design the System Work Group. Decisions regarding the Interregional Transfer Protocol will be made at the end of the 90 day trial period.

Interregional Transfer Protocol

1. All patients whose conditions exceed the regionally available resources provided by local area hospitals may be transferred from one region to another following LERN Interregional Transfer Protocol. Destination to the definitive care hospital in the receiving region will follow the LERN Standard Protocol. All laws regarding EMTALA apply.

2. Only regions operating with the LERN Standard Protocol will be involved in the LERN Interregional Transfer Protocol.

3. Patients transferred via the LERN Interregional Transfer Protocol must:

a. Be assessed at a local area hospital for treatment, be stabilized by a physician, and meet the entry criteria as determined by LERN Standard Protocol; and

b. Have a treating physician call LERN to request a transfer to another hospital;

4. The LERN Call Center (LCC) will determine the closest and most appropriate facility available following LERN Standard Protocol.

5. If there are no available resources in the region, the LCC will locate an appropriate facility outside the region, and a interregional transfer will be considered.

6. All LERN interregional transfers will be reviewed by LERN medical directors and data will be collected for QI/PI.

Exceptions:

a. Pre-hospital providers requesting LERN for patients located on or close to borders between regions will and can be directed to either region based on the patient needs and available resources.

b. Air-med at the scene able to mitigate the time of transfer of long distances will and can be directed to hospitals outside the region they originate from, based on patient needs and available resources.

c. LERN medical directors will be involved in the decision making for all patients in the exception category.

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Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health

Notice of Public Hearing Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, will hold a public hearing to receive input from the public on the Louisiana Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant as administered by the agency. The scheduled public hearing will take place on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at 628 N 4th Street (Bienville Building), 3rd Floor, Room 371, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Copies of the grant may be obtained from Avis Richard-Griffin, Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Office of Public Health. Ms. Richard-Griffin can be contacted by email at avis.richard-griffin@la.gov or by telephone at (225) 342-9355 for additional information.

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Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation

Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Office of Conservation records indicate that the Oilfield Sites listed in the table below have met the requirements as set forth by Section 91 of Act 404, R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared Orphaned Oilfield Sites.

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Ash Exploration, Inc.	Cankton, North	L	H C Miller Et Al	001	211421
Ash Exploration, Inc.	Cankton, North	L	H C Miller Et Al	002	212785
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe, Inc.	Monroe	M	W M Caldwell	001	90799
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe, Inc.	Monroe	M	Humble-Sinclair	001	105589

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 4	002	170603
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 4	003	170604
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 4	007	170608
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 4	008	170609
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 4	009	170610
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 5	001	170612
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 5	002	170613
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 5	003	170614
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 5	004	170615
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 4	013	170668
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 5	006	170670
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 5	007	170671
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 5	008	170672
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 5	013	170763
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 5	014	170764
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Pennzoil 5	015	170765
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Williams	001	174570
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Williams	002	174571
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Williams	003	174572
Bayou Gas Company Of Monroe	Monroe	M	Williams	004	174573