

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Return Address:	7979 Independence Blvd	Rule Title:	Chapter 17. Stroke Center Recognition. Sections 18701 Stroke Center Recognition; 18703 Stroke Center Criteria; 18705 Attestation for Stroke Center Recognition; 18708 Failure to Submit Stroke Data to LERN
	Suite 207, B17	Date Rule Takes Effect:	Upon Promulgation
	Baton Rouge, LA 70806		

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

Other than the rule publication costs, which are estimated to be \$1,065 in FY 25, it is not anticipated that the proposed rule will result in any material costs or savings to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) or any state or local governmental unit.

ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

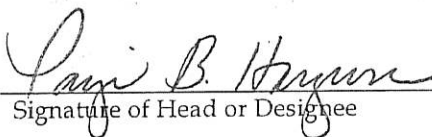
There is no anticipated effect on revenue collection of state or local governmental units as a result of this rule change.

II. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses or non-governmental groups.


III. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment.


Signature of Head or Designee

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

6/5/2025
Date of Signature


Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

6/05/2025
Date of Signature

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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed rule amends LAC 48.I. Chapter 187, Requirements for Stroke Center Recognition, Section 18701A.1., A.4., A.5., and A.6., and Section 18703A.3., A.6, and A.6.a, A.6.b., and A.6.c., and Section 18705A, and Section 18708B., C. and D. to change the name of one of the six levels of stroke facilities from "stroke bypass hospital" to "stroke referral center," and designate education and resources required for stroke referral centers.

The LERN stroke education and resources are provided at no cost to the hospitals or their employees. The provision of stroke education is currently provided by LERN free of charge to state hospitals, and stroke resource information is located on the agency's website.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

LERN proposed this rule to change the terminology of "stroke bypass hospital" to "stroke referral center" to match the agency's term for STEMI (Heart) referral centers.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

Other than the rule publication costs, which are estimated to be \$1,065 in FY 25, it is not anticipated that the proposed rule will result in any increase in the expenditure of funds.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ YES. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) X NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

LERN reports the agency has the funding to cover the cost of publishing this rule.

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I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,065	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$1,065	\$0	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

There is no cost other than the rule publication cost, to LERN or any other state or local government unit.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$1,065	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$1,065	\$0	\$0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Yes, the LERN Board has sufficient funds to implement the proposed action.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

There is no anticipated impact of the proposed rule on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

There is no anticipated governmental unit impact with the implementation of this proposed rule.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

No increase or decrease in revenue is anticipated.

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III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

Patients experiencing a stroke are directly affected by this proposed rule, which protocol is authorized by La. R.S. 9:2798.5 and "developed to facilitate the timely and appropriate delivery of patients to the most appropriate care site for the definitive treatment of injuries." This rule changes the name of "stroke bypass hospitals" to "stroke referral centers."

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- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

LERN does not anticipate that any changes in this proposed rule will impact income at hospitals. Hospital CEO's attest every two (2) years how they fit into the stroke system. The CEO's are aware of all requirements at the time of attestation. The LERN Executive Director and the Stroke Medical Director work directly with hospitals to help them maintain their desired level of stroke center.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

- A. Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The proposed rule will have no impact on competition or employment in the public and private sectors.