

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke

Notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board has exercised the provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, and intends to enact 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.

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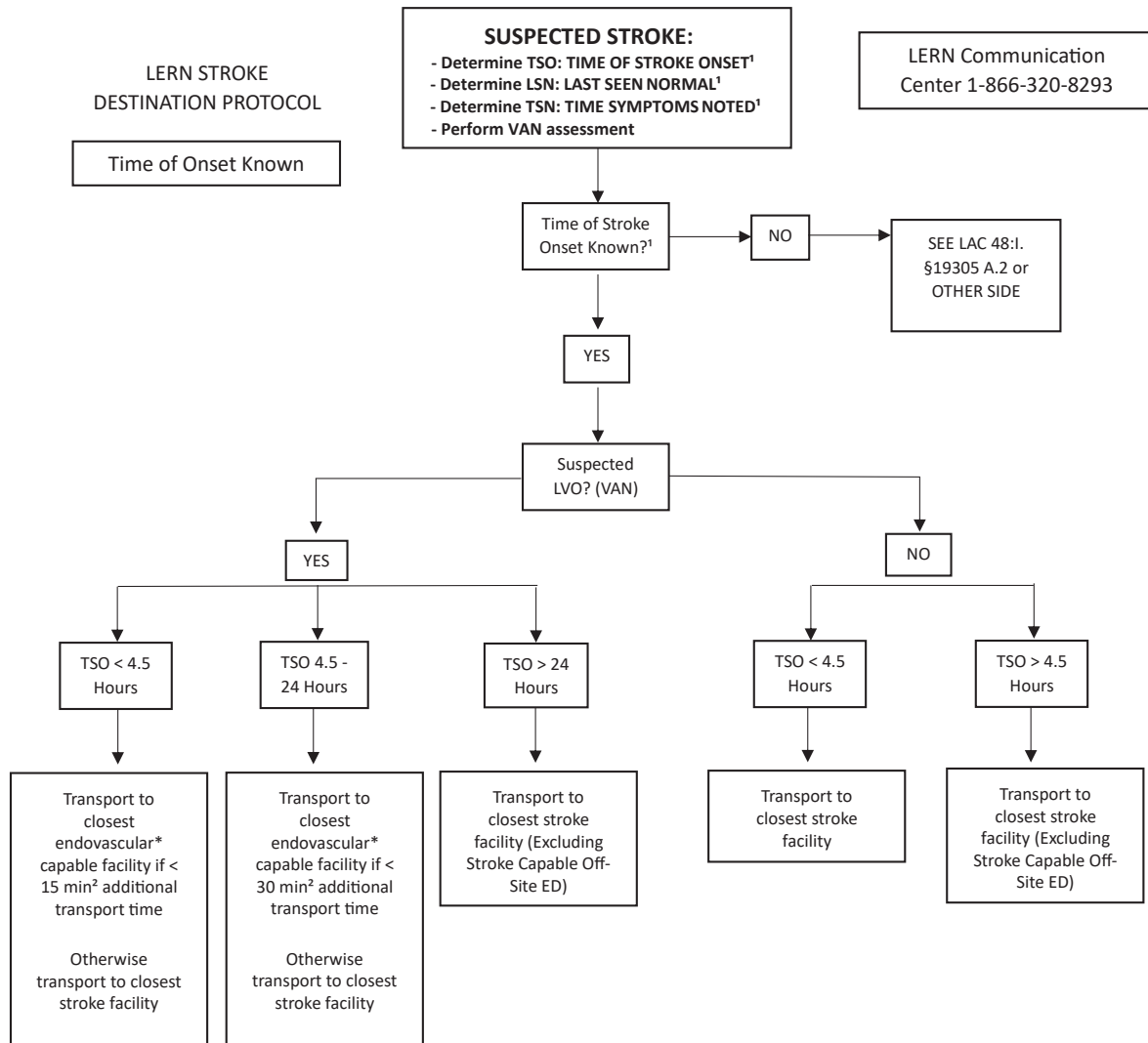
Part I. General Administration

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

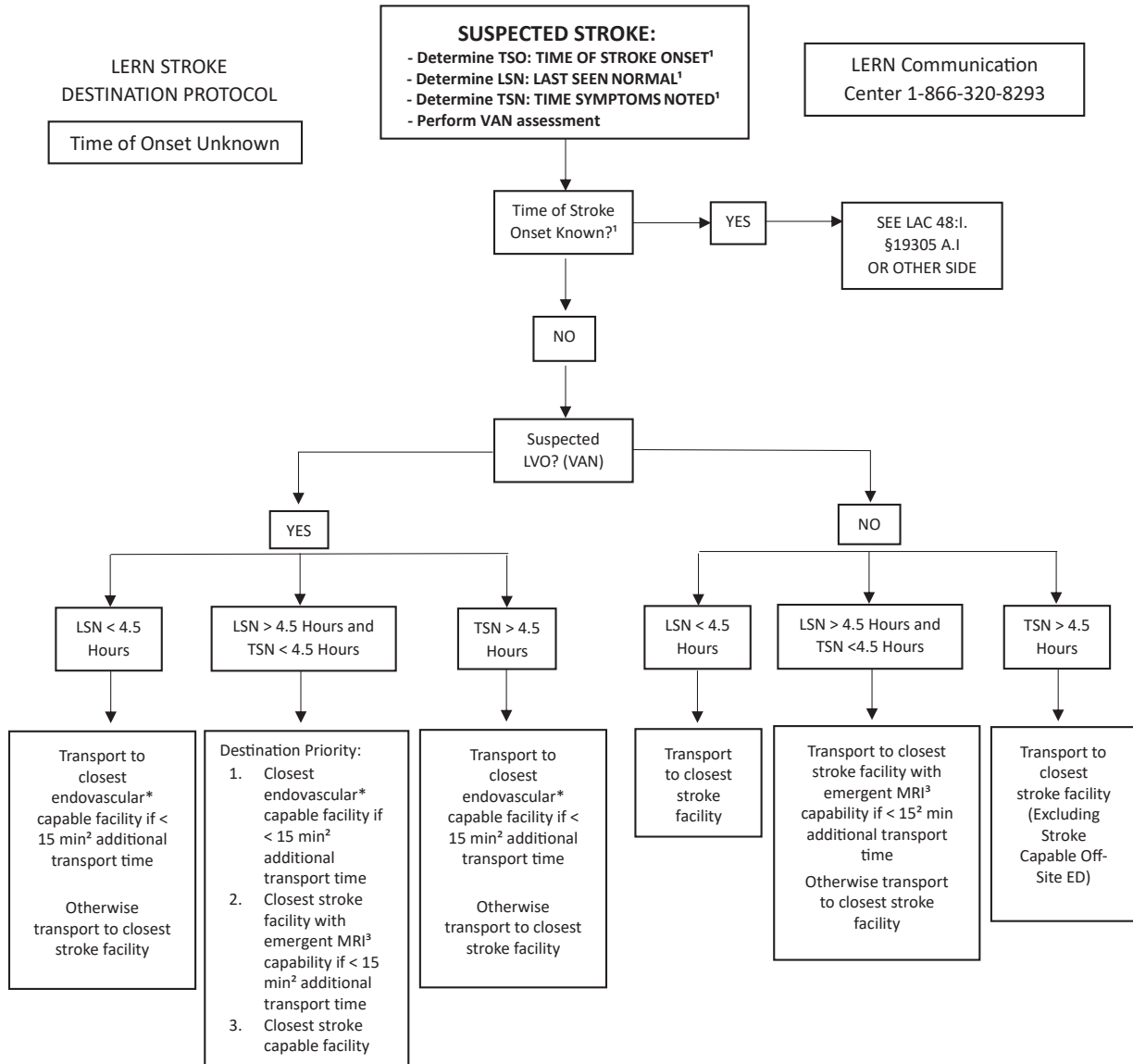


Guiding Principles:
¹ When stroke is witnessed TSO, LSN, and TSN are the same.
² Additional transport time is calculated by considering drive time from scene to each facility.

Stroke Facility Definitions: *Endovascular Capable

*CSC: Comprehensive Stroke Center
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 PSC: Primary Stroke Center
 ASRH: Acute Stroke Ready Hospital
 SCOED: Stroke Capable Off Site ED

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



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³ MRI 24/7 with tech call schedule for off hours and weekends

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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: _____ (_____, 2024).

Family Impact Statement

1. What effect will this rule have on the stability of the family? The proposed rules will not affect the stability of the family.
2. What effect will this have on the authority and rights of persons regarding the education and supervision of their children? The proposed rules will not affect the authority and rights of persons regarding the education and supervision of their children.
3. What effect will this have on the functioning of the family? The rules will not affect the functioning of the family.
4. What effect will this have on family earnings and family budget? These rules will not affect the family earnings or family budget.
5. What effect will this have on the behavior and personal responsibility of children? These rules will not affect the behavior or personal responsibility of children.
6. Is the family or local government able to perform the function as contained in this proposed Rule? No, the proposed rules will have no impact.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Statement

The impact of the proposed Rule on small business has been considered and it is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small business as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed Rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed Rule on small business.

Provider Impact Statement

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the provider impact of these proposed Rules have been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, and no increase on direct or indirect cost. The proposed Rule will have no impact on the provider's ability to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed Rule until 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024 to Paige Hargrove, Louisiana Emergency Response Network, 7979 Independence Blvd, Suite 207, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, or via email to paige.hargrove@la.gov.

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