

LERN 2025-2027 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Priority #1: Continue buildout and refinement efforts designed to sustain LERN's statewide care coordination systems, including Trauma, Stroke, STEMI (heart attack), Burn, and MCI/Disaster Response.

2026 Trauma System Goals

Pursue strategies to support viability of purchasing electronic care coordination system.

Target PI Goal: < 10% first call denial rate for trauma center transfers facilitated by the LCC.

Support dissemination of Trauma education courses throughout the state.

2026 Stroke System Goals

Target PI Goal: 50% Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals (ASRH) with Door to Needle (DTN) \leq 45 minutes by the end of CY 2026. *Baseline Q1/Q2 2024 aggregate = 30%

Target PI Goal: 30% ASRH with Door-In-Door-Out (DIDO) \leq 90 minutes by the end of CY 2026. *Baseline Q1/Q2 2024 aggregate = 19%

Target PI Goal: 50% of ASRH with Door To Transfer Request Time (DTTTRT) median of \leq 30 minutes.

Target PI Goal: 75% of Primary Stroke Centers (PSC) with DTN \leq 45 minutes by the end of CY 2026. *Baseline Q1/Q2 2024 aggregate = 56%

Target PI Goal: 50% PSC with DIDO \leq 90 minutes by the end of CY 2025. *Baseline Q1/Q2 2024 aggregate = 31%

Target PI Goal: 50% of Primary Stroke Centers with DTTTRT median of \leq 30 minutes.

Continue pediatric stroke sub-committee to address pediatric stroke care. Performance Indicator:

- Develop initial and secondary destination protocol for stroke.
- Pursue adding Pediatric Stroke capability to the Resource Management screen in the ESF-8 Portal

Support the Stroke Recognition and Response (SRR) and Basic Stroke Education (BSE) classes in all 9 regions.

2026 STEMI System Goals

Finalize framework and implement Cardiogenic Shock into existing STEMI System.

Continue public education on heart attack signs and symptoms and the importance of calling 911.

- Teach signs and symptoms of heart attack hands only CPR, and AED training at the end of every Stop the Bleed Class.

Support teaching of the 12 Lead EKG course in all 9 regions.

Target PI Goal: Decrease Door in Door Out time for STEMI patients not receiving lytics at STEMI Referral Centers by 25%. (Q4, 2023 baseline = 59 minutes)

Target PI Goal: Increase to 75%, the percentage of all STEMI transfers meeting the 120 minute benchmark for FMC “transferred” to PCI by end of CY 2026. (Baseline Q3, 2025 = 56%)

2026 Burn System Goals

Execute quarterly mass notification/resource update drills with ABA, statewide burn centers, and other facilities within the Southern Regional Burn Consortium and achieve 85% compliance.

2026 MCI/Disaster Response System Goals

LERN Communication Center participates in at least one operations-based exercise in each of the 9 LDH Regions.

Each LERN Communicator will participate in at least one operations-based exercise.

Develop an MCI Response and Management Course Instructor Policy.

Conduct at least one EMS TOC operations-based exercise as a Drill, Functional- or Full-Scale Exercise.

*** Priority #2 Conduct comprehensive assessments (trauma, stroke, STEMI) of the basic LERN operating model designed to address the convener versus regulator issues raised by the American College of Surgeons/Committee on Trauma (ACS/COT) 2024 LERN Consultation Report.**

2026 Goals

Establish Level 4 (L4) Trauma Center workgroup to research value of adding L4 trauma centers to the state trauma system. (As recommended by the Louisiana Trauma System Regulatory Research Panel, with recommendation adopted by the board at the November 20, 2025 meeting)

Level 4 Trauma Center Workgroup scope:

1. Survey targeted hospitals to determine interest.
2. Determine required legislative changes
3. Determine Level 4 trauma center requirements
4. Determine Level 4 verification process
5. Present to LERN Board

*** Priority #3 Expand and refine LERN’s data (collection/analysis/reporting) and performance improvement (PI) functions across all LERN care coordination systems.**

2026 Goals

Based on available funding, develop trauma performance improvement program to objectively assess trauma outcomes.

Refine as necessary the public facing dashboards of key performance metrics for systems of care.
Pursue Pilot of CARES registry in at least one LDH region.
Priority #4 Pursue practical opportunities to secure additional, dedicated, state funding that expands LERN’s operational capacity to better meet the statewide demand for its services.
2026 Goals
Amend Act 194 to address DUI issue identified by the courts.

* Workgroup may identify additional strategic initiatives, which would be incorporated into subsequent annual goals.