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RE: LAC 48:I, Chapter 193, §1930 - LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke

Dear Paige:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final Rule published in the State Register on September 20, 2017, codifying the LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke, which was protocol previously adopted by the Board.

See La. R.S. 49:974, copy enclosed, requiring publication of the Final Rule on the LERN website. Let me know if you need help with the website publications.

Very truly yours,



CELIA R. CANGELOSI

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Enclosures

(September 2009), repromulgated LR 35:2182 (October 2009), amended LR 36:1552 (July 2010), LR 36:2561 (November 2010), LR 39:3095 (November 2013), LR 39:3297 (December 2013), LR 40:312 (February 2014), repromulgated LR 40:1939, 1940 (October 2014), LR 41:133 (January 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:1389 (July 2017), repromulgated LR 43:1757 (September 2017).

Rebekah E. Gee MD, MPH  
Secretary

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**RULE**

**Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

Professional Services Program  
Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance  
Percentage Rate for Preventive Services  
(LAC 50:IX.15101)

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing has adopted LAC 50:IX.15101 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

**Title 50**

**PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**Part IX. Professional Services Program**

**Subpart 15. Reimbursement**

**Chapter 151. Reimbursement Methodology**

**Subchapter A. General Provisions**

**§15101. Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance**

**Percentage Rate for Preventive Services**

A. Effective for dates of service on or after May 15, 2017, the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) rate received by the department for specified adult vaccines and clinical preventive services shall increase one percentage point of the rate on file as of May 14, 2017.

1. Services covered by this increase are those assigned a grade of A or B by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and approved vaccines and their administration as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

2. The increased FMAP rate applies to these qualifying services whether the services are provided on a fee-for-service (FFS) or managed care basis.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:1758 (September 2017).

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**RULE**

**Department of Health  
Emergency Response Network**

LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke (LAC 48:I.19303)

The Department of Health, Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board, has exercised the provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, to promulgate LAC 48:I.19303, rules and regulations for LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke, amending and replacing the previous protocol set forth in LAC 48:I.19301.

Pursuant to Act 248 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Louisiana Emergency Response Network and Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board were created within the Department of Health. The Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board is authorized by R.S. 40:2846(A) to adopt rules and regulations to carry into effect the provisions of R.S. 40:2841 et seq. Pursuant to R.S. 40:2841, the legislative purpose of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network is to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of the people of this state against unnecessary trauma and time-sensitive related deaths and incidents of morbidity due to trauma.

R.S. 9:2798.5 authorizes the board to promulgate protocols for the transport of trauma and time-sensitive ill patients. The Rule provides protocols for transportation of stroke patients, and is designated as LAC 48:I.19303.

**Title 48**

**PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL**

**Part I. General Administration**

**Subpart 15. Emergency Response Network**

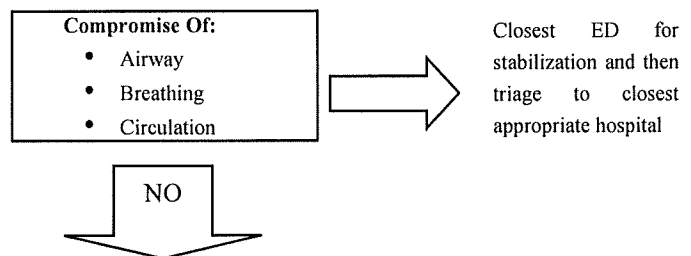
**Chapter 193. Stroke Protocols**

**§19303. LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke**

A. On April 21, 2017, the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board [R.S. 40:2842(1) and (3)] adopted and promulgated “LERN Designation Protocol: Stroke”, amending and replacing the previous “LERN Designation Protocol: Stroke” adopted on November 21, 2013 and set out in Section 19301, as follows.

**LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke  
LERN Call Center: (866) 320-8293**

The following protocol applies to patients with suspected stroke:



All other patients with suspected stroke, determine time last seen normal (LSN) and screen for large vessel occlusion (LVO)



LSN < 6 hours\* AND screen for LVO is positive

LSN > 6 hours OR screen for LVO is negative

Transport to LERN Stroke Level I, II, or III Center  
If < 15 minutes of additional transport time to reach Level I or endovascular capable Level II Center, transfer to the Level I or endovascular capable Level II Center

Transport to LERN Stroke Level I, II, or III Center  
If > 15 minutes of additional transport time to reach Level I, II, or III Center than to reach stroke capable Off Site ED, it is acceptable to transport to a stroke capable Off Site ED

\* The LSN < 6hrs should include patients without a definite time of LSN, but who could reasonably be assumed to be within 6 hrs of onset, including patients who wake-up with stroke symptoms.

- Guiding Principles:**
- Time is the critical variable in acute stroke care
  - Protocols that include pre-hospital notification while en route by EMS should be used for patients with suspected acute stroke to facilitate initial destination efficiency.
  - Treatment with intravenous tPA is the only FDA approved medication therapy for hyperacute stroke.
  - EMS should identify the geographically closest hospital capable of providing tPA treatment.
  - Transfer patient to the nearest hospital equipped to provide tPA treatment.
  - Secondary transfer to facilities equipped to provide tertiary care and interventional treatments should not prevent administration of tPA to appropriate patients.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 9:2798.5 and R.S. 40:2846(A).  
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network, LR 43:1758 (September 2017).

Paige Hargrove  
Executive Director

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**RULE**

**Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
Office of Motor Vehicles**

**Driving Schools and Driver Education  
(LAC 55:III.Chapter 1)**

Under the authority of R.S. 37:3270 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Office of Motor Vehicles has amended Sections 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, and 158 and adopted 159 under Chapter 1 to implement a more comprehensive version of Title 55 as it relates to the rules governing driving schools and the driver education program. The headings generally remain the same throughout but the

content within each Section has been reworded and rearranged to be more user-friendly. In addition to a more comprehensive version of the rules governing driving schools and the driver education program, the Office of Motor Vehicles anticipates an increase in the penalty (monetary assessment) for violations (by driver education providers) of prohibited activities and procedures. Furthermore, the promulgation of these rules will require the driver education providers to obtain a complete medical examination prior to licensing or upon application for renewal as well as requiring that all driver education providers complete a standard first aid or CPR certification and a training course on the prevention of sexual harassment.

**Title 55  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
Part III. Motor Vehicles**

**Chapter 1. Driver's License  
Subchapter A. General Requirements**

**§143. Commercial Driving Schools**

A. Definitions. As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the meanings described below.

*30-Hour Classroom Course*—a program which shall consist of a course of not less than 30 hours of classroom instruction required of first-time driver's license applicants' age 15 through 17 excluding lunch breaks. This course shall be conducted utilizing the curriculum contained in this Subchapter.

*Adult*—a person 18 years of age or older.

*Background Check*—a secure and reliable way to initiate a criminal check on potential owners, instructors, employees and other types of applicants.

*Behind-the-Wheel Instruction*—a course which shall consist of a minimum of eight hours of instruction with a student as the operator of a dual-controlled motor vehicle. The course is also referred to as BTW.

*Classroom Instruction*—a driver education course that is administered in a classroom environment that enables a student to learn through various instructional methods, under the direct guidance of a properly licensed driver education instructor.

*Commissioner*—the assistant secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services, Office of Motor Vehicles.

*DPS*—the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services, acting directly or through its duly authorized officers and representatives.

*Driver Education Certificate of Completion*—proof of completion of any portion of the driver education course or the pre-licensing course required by law. The course is administered by a certified and approved driving school in the form designated by the DPS.

*Driver Education Course*—a formal class or program that prepares a new driver to obtain a learner's permit or driver's license. The course of study may be administered in a classroom, in a vehicle, online or a combination thereof. Individuals are instructed on the techniques of driving a vehicle, safety precautions and traffic regulations and laws.

*Driver Educational Instructional Document*—a document issued by the driving school on a form approved and provided by DPS. Driving instruction details, behind-



§974. Internet publication of certain information concerning proposed rules and fees; information required to be published; manner of publication; deadlines

A.(1) Each agency shall include on its Internet website the information required by Subsection B of this Section.

(2)(a) If an agency does not have an Internet website, the department of which the agency is a part shall include the information required by Subsection B of this Section for the agency on the website of the department.

(b) If an agency in the office of the governor does not have an Internet website, the division of administration shall include the information required by Subsection B of this Section for the agency on the Internet website of the division of administration.

B. All of the following information shall be included on the website:

(1) A brief description of each rule or fee that the agency is in the process of adopting, amending, or repealing. For each such rule or fee, links to the following shall be included:

(a) The full text of the current rule or fee.

(b) A copy of the proposed rule or statement of the proposed fee in the form required by R.S. 49:968 (C)(1).

(c) The name and contact information of the person within the agency who has the responsibility for responding to inquiries about the intended action as required by R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(a)(iv).

(d) The time when, the place where, and the manner in which interested persons may present their views concerning the intended action as required by R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(a)(v).

(e) The anticipated effective date for the proposed rule or fee.

(f) A copy of the notice of intent submitted to the Louisiana Register pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(b) and the date the notice of intent will be published in the Louisiana Register.

(g) A copy of the report submitted to the legislative oversight subcommittees pursuant to R.S. 49:968 (D)(1)(b) and a copy of the public notice required by R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(c).

(h) A copy of any announcement of a hearing and report made pursuant to R.S. 49:968(H)(2).

(i) A copy of any report received by the agency from a legislative oversight subcommittee pursuant to R.S. 49:968(F) or from the governor pursuant to R.S. 49:968(I).

(2) A copy of the annual report submitted to the legislative oversight subcommittees by the agency pursuant to R.S. 49:968(K).

C.(1)(a) The information required to be published pursuant to Subparagraphs (B)(1)(a) through (g) of this Section shall be published in the manner required by this Section no later than five days after the date on which the agency submits the report for the proposed rule or fee to the legislative oversight subcommittees pursuant to R.S. 49:968(B).

(b) The copy of the announcement required to be published pursuant to Subparagraph (B)(1)(h) of this Section shall be published in the manner required by this Section no later than five days after the announcement is submitted to the Louisiana Register in accordance with R.S. 49:968(H)(2).

(c) The copy of the report required to be published pursuant to Subparagraph (B)(1)(i) of this Section shall be published in the manner required by this Section no later than five days after the report is received by the agency.

(d) The copy of the annual report required to be published pursuant to Paragraph (B)(2) of this Section shall be published in the manner required by this Section no later than five days after the report is submitted to the legislative oversight subcommittees by the agency pursuant to R.S. 49:968(K).

(2) If an agency does not have an Internet website, the agency shall submit the information required by this Section to be published to the department or to the division of administration, as the case may be, in a manner which allows enough time for the information to be published as required by this Section prior to the applicable deadline provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

D.(1) All of the information required to be published pursuant to this Section shall be archived for a minimum of one year following the date of publication.

(2) Each agency, department, or the division of administration, as the case may be, shall include on its Internet home page a link to the information required to be published pursuant to this Section.

E. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to require the publication of information concerning the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule or fee unless and until the agency gives notice of its intended action pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A).

Acts 2014, No. 401, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2015.