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Department of Health Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Public Comment—Substantive Changes to Proposed Rule: Stroke Center Recognition (LAC 48:I.18708)

Notice of Intent concerning the above referenced proposed Rule was originally published by the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board on January 20, 2020, in the *Louisiana Register* (See LR 46:98-100) relative to revision of requirements for stroke center recognition, attestation for stroke center requirements, stroke center data requirements, and failure to submit stroke data to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board. Public comments were invited, and one comment was received and considered. No public hearing was held as not required by R.S. 49:953(A)(2). The one comment suggested substantive changes. In consideration of such comment the board proposes to amend LAC 48:I.18708 of the proposed Rule by specifying that the consequences for failure to submit stroke data to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board apply only to acute stroke ready hospitals. Accordingly, the board proposes to amend the proposed rule as follows.

Title 48. PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL Part I. General Administration Subpart 15. Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Chapter 187. Requirements for Louisiana Stroke Center Recognition

§18708.Failure to Submit Stroke Data to LERN

- A. Acute stroke ready hospitals not submitting data for one quarter or not submitting the required action plan and/or mock code, if applicable, will result in automatic probation, which will generate a warning letter to the CEO. The letter will communicate LERN board expectation for data and (action plan and/or mock code, if applicable) submission for the missed quarter and the following quarter.
- B. For an ASRH not submitting data to the board for two consecutive quarters, the hospital will automatically be demoted to a stroke bypass hospital.
- C. Once an ASRH demotes to a stroke bypass hospital for non-adherence with submission requirement, the hospital CEO cannot re-attest until the hospital has submitted two consecutive quarters of data meeting standards.
- D. If an ASRH fails to meet the performance metrics after two quarters of participation in data review, the board appointed stroke subcommittee will present the blinded data to the board for a vote on demotion to stroke bypass hospital versus continued remediation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:2846(A) and 48:2845(A)(7).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Emergency Response Network LR 46:

Public Hearing

As such changes may be considered substantive by parties affected by the Proposed Rule, notice is hereby given in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, specifically R.S. 49:968H(2), that a

public hearing on the substantive change will be held by the Board on April 23, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the offices of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board, 14141 Airline Hwy., Building 1, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70817. All interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the proposed substantive change to Paige Hargrove, Executive Director, Louisiana Emergency Response Network, 14141 Airline Hwy., Building 1, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, or via email to paige.hargrove@la.gov. Written comments will be accepted until 11 a.m., April 23, 2020.

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