

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](mailto:paige.hargrove@la.gov).

Paige Hargrove  
Executive Director

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**RULE TITLE: LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke**

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

This proposed rule amends LAC Title 48, Part I, Chapter 193—Stroke, Section 19303 and will now be identified as Section 19305. The Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) Board is authorized to adopt protocols for the transport of trauma and time sensitive ill patients. The proposed rule amends the existing “Stroke Destination Protocol” to include an evaluation process for ischemic strokes by emergency medical services (EMS), MRI testing post-arrival to designated hospital, and appropriate destination for those patients according to evaluation results.

Other than the cost to publish in the State Register, which is estimated to be \$450 in FY 24, it is not anticipated that the proposed rule will result in any costs or savings to LERN or any state or local governmental unit.

**II. 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 proposed rule change.

**III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)**

Victims of stroke are directly affected by this proposed rule. The new screening protocol performed by EMS will result in stroke victims being routed to the most appropriate stroke center within a timely manner to receive appropriate treatment. The benefits to stroke victims are the chance to live a life without the severe stroke deficits – paralysis, immobility, nursing home confinement or death. The proposed rule does not preclude patient choice.

Any potential savings for insurers and patients would be based on directing the patient to the most appropriate level of care, which may result in more efficient and less costly outcomes.

**IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)**

This proposed rule amends the previously promulgated Stroke Destination Protocol. The stroke system is a voluntary system. This proposed rule does not restrict any hospital from pursuing stroke center certification or from attesting to meeting the LERN Board approved stroke requirements. Hospitals may seek to expand access to endovascular capability as a result of this proposed rule. The proposed rule will have no effect on employment.

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**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Department of Health  
Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners**



Meeting via Electronic Means (LAC 46:LX.307)

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act (R.S.49:950 et seq.) and through the authority of the Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act (R.S. 37:1101 et seq.), the Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners proposes to amend LAC 46: LX.307 pertaining to accessibility during its meetings. Act 393 of the 2023 regular session mandates that state agencies adopt rules for public participation and member participation for those with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disability Act. The following Rule allows for access to open meetings held by the Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners. This proposed Rule amendment will accommodate participation on an individual basis via electronic means by members of the public with a disability, designated caregivers of such persons, and participant board members with a disability who request accommodation.

The Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intent to propose changes to Chapter 3, Section 307 in the February 20, 2024, edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

Title 46  
**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL  
STANDARDS REVISED**

**Part LX. Licensed Professional Counselors Board of  
Examiners**

**Subpart 1. Licensed Professional Counselors**

**Chapter 3. Board Meetings, Procedures, Records,  
Powers and Duties**

**§307. Meetings**

A. ...

B. Open Meetings Via Electronic Means

1. Postings Prior to Meeting Via Electronic Means

a. At least 24 hours prior to the meeting, the following shall be posted on the board's website:

i. meeting notice and agenda; and

ii. detailed information regarding how members of the public may:

(a). participate in the meeting via electronic means, including the applicable videoconference link and/or teleconference phone number; and

(b). submit written comments regarding matters on the agenda prior to the meeting.

2. Electronic Meeting Requirements and Limitations

a. Any meeting conducted via electronic means shall be in compliance with requirements outlined in R.S. 42:17.2(C).

b. An online archive of any open meetings conducted via electronic means shall be maintained and available for two years on the board's website.

3. Disability Accommodations

a. People with disabilities are defined as any of the following:

i. a member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);

ii. a designated caregiver of such a person; or

iii. a participant member of the agency with an ADA-qualifying disability.

b. The written public notice for an open meeting, as required by R.S. 42:19, shall include the name, telephone number and email address of the designated agency representative to whom a disability accommodation may be submitted.

c. The requestor with an accommodation shall be provided the teleconference and/or video conference link for participation via electronic means as soon as possible following receipt of the request, but no later than the start of the scheduled meeting.

d. Participation via electronic means shall count for purposes of establishing quorum and voting.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1101-1123 and Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, LR 14:82 (February 1988), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, LR 29:129 (February 2003), 39:1782 (July 2013), LR 41:709 (April 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, LR 50:

**Family Impact Statement**

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of these rules on

family has been considered. This proposal to create licensee statuses has no impact on family functioning, stability, or autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

**Poverty Impact Statement**

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any child, individual, or family as defined by R.S. 49:973.B In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. The effect on household income, assets, and financial security;

2. The effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development;

3. The effect on employment and workforce development;

4. The effect on taxes and tax credits;

5. The effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

**Small Business Analysis**

Pursuant to R.S. 49:965.6, methods for reduction of the impact on small business, as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, have been considered when creating this proposed Rule. This proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses; therefore, a Small Business Economic Impact Statement has not been prepared.

**Provider Impact Statement**

The proposed change should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;

2. The total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the providers to provide the same level of service; or

3. The overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

**Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments to Jamie S. Doming, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, 11410 Lake Sherwood Avenue North Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 by March 10, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Jamie S. Doming  
Executive Director

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**RULE TITLE: Meeting via Electronic Means**

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

Other than the cost of rulemaking, which is approximately \$600 in FY 24 related to publishing the proposed rule and final rule in the Louisiana Register, the proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units. This cost will be paid from self-generated funds.

The rule changes outline the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners procedures for meetings via electronic means and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations for public participation via electronic means pursuant to Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session. The board indicates that it has the technology and equipment needed to implement the proposed rule changes.



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

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to have any effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

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

The proposed rule changes will help make meeting participation more accessible for members of the public or the board who have ADA-recognized disabilities. The proposed rule may result in travel savings to certain members of the public with disabilities as they can now participate in the meeting virtually.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment from the proposed rule changes.

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**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
Gaming Control Board**

**Internal Controls, Procedures (LAC 42:III.2714)**

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Gaming Control Board, in accordance with R.S. 27:15, R.S. 27:24, and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., hereby gives notice that it intends to amend LAC 42:III.2714, Internal Controls, Procedures. This rule change allows licensees and the casino operator to modernize their processes, either automated or computerized, while still complying with the requirements of gaming regulations for approval in its internal controls.

**Title 42**

**LOUISIANA GAMING**

**Part III. Gaming Control Board**

**Chapter 27. Accounting Regulations**

**§2714. Internal Controls, Procedures**

**A. - B.23. ...**

C. Licensees and casino operators may submit automated or computerized processes that satisfy the requirements contained in this Chapter, or accomplish the intent of the requirements contained in this Chapter, for approval in its internal controls. Approval of automated or computerized processes to replace or satisfy the requirements contained in this Chapter may be approved or rejected at the discretion of the division. The division shall explain any rejection and provide opportunity for the licensee or casino operator to amend the processes and resubmit for approval in accordance with the internal control review process.

D. The licensee or casino operator may not implement its initial internal controls unless the division determines the proposed internal controls satisfy this Section, and approves the internal controls in writing. In addition, the licensee and casino operator shall engage an independent CPA to review the proposed internal controls prior to implementation. The CPA shall forward two signed copies of the report reflecting the results of the evaluation of the proposed internal controls prior to implementation.

E. Once the division approves the internal controls, the licensee and casino operator shall comply with all provisions of the approved internal controls.

F. The licensee and casino operator shall have a continuing duty to review its internal controls to ensure the internal controls remain in compliance with the Act and these rules. The licensee and casino operator shall amend its internal controls to comply with the requirements with the Act and these rules.

G. Any change or amendment in procedure including any change or amendment in the internal controls previously approved by the division shall be submitted to the division for prior written approval in accordance with division policies on internal control changes.

H. If the division determines that internal controls do not comply with the requirements of this Section, the division shall so notify the licensee or casino operator in writing. After receiving the notification, the licensee or casino operator shall amend its internal controls to comply with the requirements of this Section.

I.1. Each licensee and casino operator shall require the independent CPA, engaged for purposes of examining the financial statements, to submit to the licensee and casino operator two signed copies of a written report detailing the continuing effectiveness and adequacy of the internal controls.

2. Using the division's standard Minimum Internal Control questionnaire and guidelines, the independent CPA shall report each event and procedure discovered by him, or otherwise brought to his attention, that does not satisfy the internal controls approved by the division.

3. Not later than 150 days after the end of the its fiscal year, the licensee or casino operator shall submit a signed copy of the CPA's report, the division's standard Minimum Internal Control questionnaire, and any other correspondence directly relating to the internal controls to the division accompanied by the licensee's or casino operator's statement addressing each item of noncompliance as noted by the CPA and describing corrective measures taken.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 27:15 and 24.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Gaming Control Board, LR 38:1632 (July 2012), amended LR 50:

**Family Impact Statement**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 49:972, the Gaming Control Board, through its chairman, has considered the potential family impact of the proposed Rule.

The proposed Rule has no known impact on the following:

1. the effect on stability of the family;
2. the effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children;
3. the effect on the functioning of the family;
4. the effect on family earnings and family budget;
5. the effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children;
6. the ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed rule.

**Poverty Impact Statement**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 49:973, the Gaming Control Board, through its chairman, has considered the potential poverty impact of the proposed Rule.

