Advisory 16-01: New Prehospital Stroke Stickers

To: **All MLREMS providers**

Date: **February 1, 2016**

A new Stroke Sticker has been developed in collaboration with the regional Stroke Centers. These stickers help ensure that critical information you obtain, and is needed for immediate care decisions, stays physically linked to the patient as they progress through the initial phases of evaluation.

<u>Usage guidelines:</u>

- May be used for ANY patient where a Stroke Alert notification is being made
- Should be applied directly to the patient before arrival at the hospital
- The sticker is NOT to be removed for patient registration
- **<u>Last Seen Normal</u>**: This time is when the patient was last observed at their baseline – without new symptoms
    - If a family member returned home to find a patient with new symptoms, Last Seen Normal should be when the individual physically left the patient
    - If a patient awoke with symptoms, Last Seen Normal should be when they were last seen prior to going to bed the night before
- **<u>Family Contact Phone #</u>**: This is a number where an individual can be contacted by the Emergency or Neurology Physicians. An individual who can speak to details about signs and symptoms, as well as the onset of both. If the contact is travelling to the hospital separate from the patient, this should be a cellular number capable of being answered en-route. This information CAN NOT be reliably taken from existing hospital registration information which is why it is so important that you obtain it when you find the patient.
    - Patients coming from skilled nursing and/or assisted living facilities, urgent care centers, and private physician offices should have contact information for the individual caring for the patient – not switchboard numbers.

Thank you in advance for helping to improve the care of stroke patients, and with any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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Example and Printing Instructions

The stickers are created by printing the attached Adobe file on: **Avery Label 8464.**

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE STICKERS ARE GREEN IN COLOR SO THEY ARE EASILY IDENTIFIED AND UNIFORM THROUGHOUT THE REGION

A number the contact can answer – especially when they are en-route to the stroke center.

STROKE ALERT!

Patient _____

Date of Birth _____/_____/_____

Last Seen Normal _____:_____ AM / PM

FAMILY CONTACT PHONE

(_____) _____-_____

CINCINNATI STROKE SCALE
Facial Droop – Arm Drift – Slurred Speech

The time when the patient was last seen normal

(Actual size)

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