

1 10A NCAC 13K .1202 is amended as published in NCR 24:04, page 11, as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13K .1202 ADDITIONAL STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSPICE INPATIENT**

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UNITS

5 (a) All nursing services shall be provided under the supervision of a registered nurse.

6 (b) ~~There shall be sufficient nursing personnel on duty to meet patients' total nursing needs. In place of the staffing~~
7 ~~requirements in 10A NCAC 13K .1102(a) and (b), one registered nurse and one additional staff person shall be on~~
8 ~~duty at all times. A facility providing respite care must provide 24 – hour nursing services that meet the nursing~~
9 ~~needs of all patients and are furnished in accordance with each patient's plan of care. Each patient must receive all~~
10 ~~nursing services as prescribed by the physician and must be kept comfortable, clean, well-groomed and protected~~
11 ~~from accident, injury and infection. The presence of a Registered Nurse (RN) to provide direct care on all shifts is~~
12 ~~not required for patients receiving general inpatient care for respite unless specific nursing needs are in an individual~~
13 ~~patient's plan of care. If a patient in an inpatient facility is receiving general inpatient care for symptom~~
14 ~~management, then the 24-hour patient care RN staff must be available.~~

15 (c) Considerations for determining sufficiency of nursing personnel ~~include, but are not limited to:~~ include:

- 16 (1) number of patients;
- 17 (2) specific patient care requirements;
- 18 (3) family care needs; and
- 19 (4) availability of support from other interdisciplinary team members.

20 (d) Hospice caregivers shall only provide care to patients in licensed hospice residential beds in a combined hospice
21 inpatient and residential facility.

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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-202;*
24 *Eff. June 1, 1991;*
25 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2010; February 1, 1996.*