

1 10A NCAC 13D .2301 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13D .2301 PATIENT ASSESSMENT AND PLAN OF CARE PLANNING**

4 (a) At the time each patient is admitted, the facility shall ensure medical orders are available for the patient's
5 immediate care and that, within 24 hours, a nursing assessment of immediate needs is completed by a registered
6 nurse and measures implemented as appropriate.

7 (b) The facility shall perform, within 14 days of admission and at least annually, a comprehensive, accurate,
8 documented assessment of each patient's capability to perform daily life functions. This comprehensive assessment
9 shall be coordinated by a registered nurse and shall include at least the following:

- 10 (1) current medical diagnoses;
- 11 (2) medical status measurements, including current cognitive status, stability of current conditions and
12 diseases, vital signs, and abnormal lab values and diagnostic tests that are a part of the medical
13 history;
- 14 (3) the patient's ability to perform activities of daily living, including the need for staff assistance and
15 assistive devices, and the patient's ability to make decisions;
- 16 (4) presence of neurological or muscular deficits;
- 17 (5) nutritional status measurements and requirements, including but not limited to height, weight, lab
18 work, eating habits and preferences, and any dietary restrictions;
- 19 (6) special care needs, including but not limited to pressure sores, enteral feedings, specialized
20 rehabilitation services or respiratory care;
- 21 (7) indicators of special needs related to patient behavior or mood, interpersonal relationships and
22 other psychosocial needs;
- 23 (8) facility's expectation of discharging the patient within the three months following admission;
- 24 (9) condition of teeth and gums, and need and use of dentures or other dental appliances;
- 25 (10) patient's ability and desire to take part in activities, including an assessment of the patient's normal
26 routine and lifetime preferences;
- 27 (11) patient's ability to improve in functional abilities through restorative care;
- 28 (12) presence of visual, hearing or other sensory deficits; and
- 29 (13) drug therapy.

30 (c) The facility shall develop a comprehensive ~~care~~ plan of care for each patient and shall include measurable
31 objectives and timetables to meet needs identified in the comprehensive assessment. The facility shall ensure the
32 comprehensive ~~care~~ plan of care is developed within seven days of completion of the comprehensive assessment by
33 an interdisciplinary team that includes a registered nurse with responsibility for the patient and representatives of
34 other appropriate disciplines as dictated by the needs of the patient. To the extent practicable, preparation of the
35 comprehensive ~~care~~ plan of care shall include the participation of the patient and the patient's family or legal
36 representative. The physician may participate by alternative methods, including, but not limited to, telephone or
37 face-to-face discussion, or written notice.

1 (d) The facility shall review comprehensive assessments and ~~care~~ plans of care no less frequently than once every
2 90 days and make necessary revisions to ensure accuracy.

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4 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-104;*

5 *RRC objection due to lack of statutory authority Eff. July 13, 1995;*

6 *Eff. January 1, ~~1996~~. 1996;*

7 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2013.*