

**SECTION .1700 - CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR OPEN-HEART SURGERY SERVICES AND
HEART-LUNG BYPASS MACHINES**

10A NCAC 14C .1701 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to all rules in this Section:

- (1) "Approved heart-lung bypass machine" means a heart-lung bypass machine that was not operational prior to the beginning of the review period.
- (2) "Capacity" of a heart-lung bypass machine means 400 adult-equivalent open heart surgical procedures per year. One open heart surgical procedure on persons age 14 and under is valued at two adult open heart surgical procedures. For purposes of determining capacity, one open heart surgical procedure is defined to be one visit or trip by a patient to an operating room for an open heart operation.
- (3) "Cardiac Surgical Intensive Care Unit" means an intensive care unit as defined in 10A NCAC 14C .1201(2) and that is for exclusive use by post-surgical open heart patients.
- (4) "Existing heart-lung bypass machine" means a heart-lung bypass machine in operation prior to the beginning of the review period.
- (5) "Heart-lung bypass machine" has the same meaning as defined in G.S. 131E-176(10a).
- (6) "Open heart surgery services" has the same meaning as defined in G.S. 131E-176(18b).
- (7) "Open heart surgical procedures" means specialized surgical procedures that:
 - (a) utilize a heart-lung bypass machine (the "pump"); and
 - (b) are designed to correct congenital or acquired cardiac and coronary disease by opening the chest for surgery on the heart muscle, valves, arteries, or other parts of the heart.

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