

1 10A NCAC 14E .0101 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 14E .0101 DEFINITIONS**

4 The following definitions will apply throughout this Subchapter:

5 (1) “Abortion” means the termination of a pregnancy as defined in G.S. 90-21.6.

6 ~~(+)~~ (2) "Clinic" means a freestanding facility (a facility neither physically attached nor operated by a
7 licensed hospital) for the performance of abortions completed during the first 20 weeks of
8 pregnancy.

9 ~~(=)~~ (3) "Complication" includes but is not limited to hemorrhage, infection, uterine perforation, cervical
10 ~~laceration~~ laceration, or retained products of conception.

11 ~~(=)~~ (4) "Division" means the Division of Health Service Regulation of the North Carolina Department of
12 Health and Human Services.

13 ~~(+)~~ (5) ~~"Fetal age"~~ “Gestational age” means the length of pregnancy as indicated by the date of
14 ~~conception~~ the first day of the last normal monthly menstrual period, if known, or as determined
15 by ultrasound.

16 ~~(=)~~ (6) "Governing authority" means the individual, ~~agency or group~~ agency, group, or corporation
17 appointed, elected or otherwise designated, in which the ultimate responsibility and authority for
18 the conduct of the abortion clinic is ~~vested~~ vested pursuant to Rule .0302 of this Subchapter.

19 (7) “Health Screening” means an evaluation of an employee or contractual employee, including
20 tuberculosis testing, to identify any underlying conditions that may affect the person’s ability to
21 work in the clinic.

22 ~~(6)~~ (8) "New ~~facility~~ clinic” means one that is not certified as an abortion clinic by the Division as of
23 July 1, ~~1994~~, 2014, and has not been certified within the previous six months of the application for
24 certification.

25 (9) “Registered Nurse” means a person who holds a valid license issued by the North Carolina Board
26 of Nursing to practice professional nursing in accordance with the Nursing Practice Act, Article
27 9A, Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

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29 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 14-45.1(a); 143B-10; S.L.2013-366 s.4(c);

30 Eff. February 1, 1976;

31 Readopted Eff. December 19, 1977;

32 Amended Eff. April 1, 2015; July 1, 1994; December 1, 1989; June 30, 1980.