

1 10A NCAC 13B .2101 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **SECTION .2100 – TRANSPARENCY IN HEALTH CARE COSTS**

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5 **10A NCAC 13B .2101 DEFINITIONS**

6 In addition to the terms defined in G.S. 131E-214.13, the following terms shall apply throughout this Section, unless
7 text indicates to the contrary:

8 (1) “Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)” means a medical code set developed by the American
9 Medical Association.

10 (2) “Diagnostic related group (DRG)” means a system to classify hospital cases assigned by a grouper
11 program based on ICD (International Classification of Diseases) diagnoses, procedures, patient’s
12 age, sex, discharge status, and the presence of complications or co-morbidities.

13 (3) “Department” means the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

14 (4) “Financial assistance” means a policy, including charity care, describing how the organization will
15 provide assistance at its hospital(s) and any other facilities. Financial assistance includes free or
16 discounted health services provided to persons who meet the organization’s criteria for financial
17 assistance and are unable to pay for all or a portion of the services. Financial assistance does not
18 include:

19 (a) bad debt;

20 (b) uncollectable charges that the organization recorded as revenue but wrote off due
21 to a patient’s failure to pay;

22 (c) the cost of providing such care to the patients in Sub-Item (4)(b) of this Rule; or

23 (d) the difference between the cost of care provided under Medicare or other
24 government programs, and the revenue derived therefrom.

25 (5) “Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)” means a three-tiered medical code set
26 consisting of Level I, II and III services and contains the CPT code set in Level I.

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-214.13; S.L. 2013-382, s.10.1; S.L. 2013-382, s.13.1; S.L. 2014-100, s. 12G.2;*
29 *Temporary Adoption Eff. December 31, 2014. ~~2014;~~*
30 *Eff. September 1, 2015.*