



November 2, 2016

Nadine Pfeiffer,
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Re: 10A NCAC 13P.204 and its requirement for Trauma Center affiliation

Ms. Pfeiffer,

Mission Hospital greatly appreciates the opportunity to share our thoughts and concerns regarding the proposed regulatory change. Mission strongly supports the continued affiliation requirement between air ambulance providers and our state's level I & II trauma centers. This regulation helps ensure our residents continue to receive high quality medical care.

The North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services has proposed to eliminate the provision of the administrative rule requiring air medical providers to be affiliated with a Level I or Level II Trauma Center in order to operate within the boundaries of the state of North Carolina.

Close coordination and affiliation specifically regarding air ambulance programs with trauma centers, ensures critical cross training opportunities between emergency providers and hospital teams. This type of training currently exists. Health care providers spend countless hours training with multidisciplinary teams in and out of hospital settings.

North Carolina's ground and air emergency response system continues to be recognized nationally as a model for safety, quality and innovation. Through careful coordination between EMS providers and the state's highly sophisticated trauma system providers, residents in our state are ensured high quality medical care.

Again, Mission Hospital opposes the current change to rule of 10A NCAC 13P.204.

Sincerely,



Brian Moore

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