

1 10A NCAC 14F .1301 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 14F .1301 STAFF REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

4 (a) Each program shall be conducted utilizing an interdisciplinary team composed of a program director, medical
5 director, nurse, exercise specialist, mental health professional, dietician or nutritionist, supervising physician,
6 physician assistant or nurse practitioner, and a DVRS or other vocational rehabilitation counselor. The program may
7 ~~employ, employ full-time or part-time, (full-time or part-time),~~ or contract for the services of team members. Program
8 staff shall be available to patients ~~as needed~~ to perform initial assessments and to implement each patient's cardiac
9 rehabilitation care plan.

10 (b) Individuals may perform multiple team functions, if ~~qualified for each function, as stated in this Rule:~~ within their
11 scope of practice as determined by their respective occupational licensing board:

- 12 (1) Program Director - supervises program staff and directs all facets of the program.
- 13 (2) Medical ~~Director-B~~ Director - physician who provides medical assessments and is responsible for
14 supervising all clinical aspects of the program and for assuring the ~~adequacy~~ availability of
15 emergency ~~procedures and procedures,~~ equipment, testing equipment, and personnel.
- 16 (3) Nurse - provides nursing assessments and services.
- 17 (4) Exercise ~~Specialist~~ Specialist - provides an exercise assessment, ~~in consultation with the medical~~
18 ~~director,~~ plans and evaluates exercise ~~therapies.~~ therapies in consultation with the medical director.
- 19 (5) Mental Health Professional - ~~provides directly~~ directly provides or assists program staff in
20 completion of the mental health screening and referral, if ~~indicated,~~ for further mental health
21 ~~services.~~ services are necessary.
- 22 (6) Dietitian or Nutritionist - ~~provides directly~~ directly provides or assists program staff in completion
23 of the nutrition assessment and referral, if ~~indicated,~~ for further nutrition ~~services.~~ services are
24 necessary.
- 25 (7) Supervising Physician, Physician Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner - medical person who is on-site
26 during the hours of operation of programs that are not located within a hospital.
- 27 (8) DVRS or other Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor - screens patients who may be eligible for and
28 interested in vocational rehabilitation services, develops assessment and intervention strategies, and
29 provides other services ~~as needed~~ to meet the vocational goal(s) of ~~patients who may be eligible for~~
30 ~~and interested in services.~~ those patients.

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32 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-169;*

33 *Eff. July 1, 2000; 2000;*

34 *Readopted Eff. June 1, 2018.*