

1 10A NCAC 14F .2101 is proposed for re adoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 14F .2101 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AND EQUIPMENT**

4 (a) The program shall provide a clean and safe environment. For the purposes of this Rule, “clean and safe” means  
5 visibly free of soil, and other debris, and maintained in an orderly condition where there are no obstacles that would  
6 present risks to the patient.

7 (b) Equipment and furnishings shall be cleaned ~~not less than weekly.~~ between patients in accordance with  
8 manufacturer’s instructions and the cardiac rehabilitation program’s procedures for infection control and universal  
9 precautions.

10 (c) All areas of the facility shall be ~~orderly and free of debris~~ debris, and with clear traffic areas.

11 (d) A written and documented preventative maintenance program shall be established to ensure that all equipment is  
12 calibrated and maintained in safe and proper working order in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.

13 (e) There shall be emergency access to all areas a patient may enter, and floor space ~~must~~ shall allow easy access of  
14 personnel and equipment.

15 (f) Exit signs and an evacuation plan shall be posted and clearly ~~visible.~~ visible to program patients, staff, and visitors.  
16 The evacuation plan shall detail evacuation routes for patients, staff, and visitors in case of fire or other emergency.

17 (g) No smoking shall be permitted ~~in patient care or treatment areas.~~ in the facility.

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

20 *Eff. July 1, ~~2000~~, 2000;*

21 *Readopted Eff. June 1, 2018.*