

1 10A NCAC 13K .1104 is proposed for reoption without substantive changes as follows:

2

3 **10A NCAC 13K .1104 DIETARY SERVICES**

4 (a) The hospice shall develop and maintain written policies and procedures for dietary services.

5 (b) Dietary services shall be provided directly or ~~may be provided~~ through written agreement with a food service  
6 company. The written agreement, ~~if applicable~~, shall meet the provisions of Rule .0505 of this Subchapter.

7 (c) The hospice shall assure that residents' favorite foods are included in their diets whenever possible.

8 (d) The food service shall be planned and staffed to serve three balanced meals at regular intervals or at a variety of  
9 times depending upon the needs of the residents. No more than 14 hours shall elapse between a substantial evening  
10 meal and breakfast.

11 (e) The hospice shall appoint a staff member trained or experienced in food management to:

12 (1) plan menus to meet the nutritional needs of the ~~residents~~. residents; and

13 (2) supervise meal preparation and service.

14 (f) Therapeutic diets shall be prescribed by the physician and planned by a registered dietitian.

15 (g) Between-meal snacks of nourishing quality shall be offered and be available on a ~~24-hour~~ 24-hour basis.

16 (h) The procurement, ~~storage~~ storage, and refrigeration of food, refuse ~~handling~~ handling, and pest control shall  
17 comply with ~~the most current sanitation rules~~ 15A NCAC 18A which are hereby incorporated by reference, including  
18 subsequent amendments and editions promulgated by the ~~Division of Environmental~~ Commission for Public Health.  
19 These rules may be accessed at <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp> free of charge.

20

21 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-202;*

22 *Eff. June 1, ~~1991~~, 1996;*

23 *Readopted Eff. January 1, 2021.*