

1 10A NCAC 14C .2101 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 14C .2101 DEFINITIONS**

4 The following definitions apply to all rules in this Section:

5 (1) "Approved operating rooms" means those operating rooms that were approved for a certificate of
6 need by the ~~Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section (Agency)~~ CON Section prior to
7 the date on which the applicant's proposed project was submitted to the Agency, but that have not
8 been licensed.

9 (2) "Dedicated C-section operating room" means an operating room as defined in Chapter 6 in the ~~2018~~
10 annual State Medical Facilities Plan. ~~For purposes of this Section, Chapter 6 in the 2018 State~~
11 ~~Medical Facilities Plan is hereby incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments and~~
12 ~~editions. This document is available at no cost at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/nsmfp/index.html>.~~

13 (3) "Existing operating rooms" means those operating rooms in ambulatory surgical facilities and
14 hospitals that were reported in the Ambulatory Surgical Facility License Renewal Application Form
15 or in the Hospital License Renewal Application Form submitted to the Acute and Home Care
16 Licensure and Certification Section of the Division of Health Service Regulation, and that were
17 licensed prior to the beginning of the review period.

18 (4) "Health System" shall have the same meaning as defined in Chapter 6 in the ~~2018~~ annual State
19 Medical Facilities Plan.

20 (5) "Operating room" means a room as defined in G.S. 131E-176(18c).

21 (6) "Operating Room Need Methodology" means the Methodology for Projecting Operating Room
22 Need in Chapter 6 in the ~~2018~~ annual State Medical Facilities Plan.

23 (7) "Service area" means the Operating Room Service Area as defined in Chapter 6 in the ~~2018~~ annual
24 State Medical Facilities Plan.

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26 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-177(1); 131E-183(b);*

27 *Eff. November 1, 1990;*

28 *Amended Eff. March 1, 1993;*

29 *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 1993 for a period of 180 days or until the permanent rule*
30 *becomes effective, whichever is sooner;*

31 *Amended Eff. January 4, 1994;*

32 *Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 1999;*

33 *Temporary Eff. January 1, 1999 Expired on October 12, 1999;*

34 *Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 2000;*

35 *Temporary Amendment effective January 1, 2000 amends and replaces a permanent rulemaking*
36 *originally proposed to be effective August 2000;*

37 *Amended Eff. April 1, 2001;*

1 *Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*
2 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002;*
3 *Temporary Amendment effective January 1, 2002 amends and replaces the permanent rule effective*
4 *August 1, 2002;*
5 *Amended Eff. April 1, 2003;*
6 *Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 2005;*
7 *Amended Eff. November 1, 2005;*
8 *Temporary Rule Eff. February 1, 2006;*
9 *Amended Eff. November 1, 2006;*
10 *Temporary Amendment Eff. February 1, 2008;*
11 *Amended Eff. November 1, 2008.*
12 *Temporary Amendment Eff. February 1, 2018;*
13 *Amended Eff. December 1, ~~2018~~, 2018;*
14 *Readopted Eff. January 1, 2021.*