

1 10A NCAC 14C .3901 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 14C .3901 DEFINITIONS**

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

- 5 (1) ~~"Ambulatory surgical facility" means a facility as defined in G.S. 131E-176(1b).~~
- 6 (2) ~~"Gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy room" means a room as defined in G.S. 131E-176(7d) that is used~~
7 ~~to perform one or more GI endoscopy procedures.~~
- 8 (3) ~~"Gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy procedure" means a single procedure, identified by CPT code or~~
9 ~~ICD-9-CM procedure code, performed on a patient during a single visit to the facility for diagnostic~~
10 ~~or therapeutic purposes.~~
- 11 (4) ~~"Operating room" means a room as defined in G.S. 131E-176(18e).)~~
- 12 (5) ~~"Related entity" means the parent company of the applicant, a subsidiary company of the applicant~~
13 ~~(i.e., the applicant owns 50 percent or more of another company), a joint venture in which the~~
14 ~~applicant is a member, or a company that shares common ownership with the applicant (i.e., the~~
15 ~~applicant and another company are owned by some of the same persons).~~
- 16 (6) ~~"Service area" means the geographical area, as defined by the applicant using county lines, from~~
17 ~~which the applicant projects to serve patients.~~
- 18 (1) "Approved gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy rooms" means GI endoscopy rooms that were approved
19 for a certificate of need by the CON Section prior to the date the application was submitted but that
20 are not licensed as of the date the application is submitted.
- 21 (2) "Existing GI endoscopy rooms" means GI endoscopy rooms that were licensed prior to the
22 beginning of the review period.
- 23 (3) "GI endoscopy procedure" means each upper endoscopy, esophagoscopy, or colonoscopy procedure
24 performed on a patient during a single visit to the licensed health service facility.
- 25 (4) "Licensed health service facility" means either a hospital as defined in G.S. 131E-176(13) or an
26 ambulatory surgical facility as defined in G.S. 131E-176(1b).
- 27 (5) "New GI endoscopy room" means a GI endoscopy room that is not included in the inventory of GI
28 endoscopy rooms in the State Medical Facilities Plan as of the date the application is submitted.
- 29 (6) "Service area" means the county where the proposed GI endoscopy room will be developed.

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31 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 131E-177(1); 131E-183(b);*
32 *Temporary Adoption Eff. February 1, 2006;*
33 *Eff. November 1, 2006; 2006;*
34 *Readopted Eff. January 1, 2021.*