

1 10A NCAC 13P .1505 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13P .1505 EMS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

4 (a) For the purpose of this Rule, "focused review" means an evaluation by the OEMS of an educational institution's
5 corrective actions to remove contingencies that are a result of deficiencies identified in the initial or renewal
6 application process.

7 (b) The Department shall deny the initial or renewal designation, without first allowing a focused review, of an EMS
8 Educational ~~Institution for any of the following reasons:~~ Institution. An Educational Institution denied initial
9 designation shall not be eligible to reapply to the OEMS for two years. Reasons for denial are:

10 (1) significant failure to comply with the provisions of Sections .0500 and .0600 of this Subchapter; or

11 (2) attempting to obtain an EMS Educational Institution designation through fraud or misrepresentation.

12 (c) When an EMS Educational Institution is required to have a focused review, it shall demonstrate compliance with
13 the provisions of Sections .0500 and .0600 of this Subchapter within six months or less.

14 (d) The Department shall amend, suspend, or revoke an EMS Educational Institution designation at any time whenever
15 the Department finds that the EMS Educational Institution has significant failure to comply, as defined in Rule .0102
16 of this Subchapter, with the provisions of Section .0600 of this Subchapter, and:

17 (1) it is not probable that the EMS Educational Institution can remedy the deficiencies within six months
18 or less as determined by OEMS staff based upon analysis of the educational institution's ability to
19 take corrective measures to resolve the issue of non-compliance with Section .0600 of this
20 Subchapter;

21 (2) although the EMS Educational Institution may be able to remedy the deficiencies, it is not probable
22 that the EMS Educational Institution shall be able to remain in compliance with credentialing rules;

23 (3) failure to produce records upon request as required in Rule .0601 of this Subchapter;

24 (4) the EMS Educational Institution failed to meet the requirements of a focused review within six
25 months, as set forth in Paragraph (c) of this Rule;

26 (5) the failure to comply endangered the health, safety, or welfare of patients cared for as part of an
27 EMS educational program as determined by OEMS staff in their professional judgment based upon
28 a complaint investigation, in consultation with the Department and Department of Justice, to verify
29 the results of the investigations are sufficient to initiate enforcement action pursuant to G.S. 150B;
30 or

31 (6) the EMS Educational Institution altered, destroyed, or attempted to destroy evidence needed for a
32 complaint investigation.

33 (e) The Department shall give the EMS Educational Institution written notice of action taken on the Institution
34 designation. This notice shall be given personally or by certified mail and shall set forth:

35 (1) the factual allegations;

36 (2) the statutes or rules alleged to be violated; and

1 (3) notice of the EMS Educational Institution's right to a contested case hearing, set forth in Rule .1509
2 of this Section, on the revocation of the designation.

3 (f) Focused review is not a procedural prerequisite to the revocation of a designation as set forth in Rule .1509 of this
4 Section.

5 (g) If determined by the educational institution that suspending its approval to offer EMS educational programs is
6 necessary, the EMS Educational Institution may voluntarily surrender its credential without explanation by submitting
7 a written request to the OEMS stating its intention. The voluntary surrender shall not affect the original expiration
8 date of the EMS Educational Institution's designation. To reactivate the designation:

9 (1) the institution shall provide OEMS written documentation requesting reactivation; and

10 (2) the OEMS shall verify the educational institution is compliant with all credentialing requirements
11 set forth in Section .0600 of this Subchapter prior to reactivation of the designation by the OEMS.

12 (h) If the institution fails to resolve the issues that resulted in a voluntary surrender, the Department shall revoke the
13 EMS Educational Institution designation.

14 (i) In the event of a revocation or voluntary surrender, the Department shall provide written notification to all EMS
15 Systems within the EMS Educational Institution's defined service area. The Department shall provide written
16 notification to all EMS Systems within the EMS Educational Institution's defined service area when the voluntary
17 surrender reactivates to full credential.

18 (j) When an accredited EMS Educational Institution as defined in Rule .0605 of this Subchapter has administrative
19 action taken against its accreditation, the OEMS shall determine if the cause of action is sufficient for revocation of
20 the EMS Educational Institution designation or imposing a focused review pursuant to Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this
21 Rule is warranted.

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26 *2016;*

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