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MEMORANDUM

TO: N.C. Licensed Adult Care Home Providers

FROM: Megan Lamphere, Chief

DHSR Adult Care Licensure Section

RE: Rule Changes Effective September 1, 2024

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10A NCAC 13F .0609 Personal Care Aide Supervisors

As you are aware, the N.C. Medical Care Commission, in partnership with the Division of Health Service Regulation Adult Care Licensure Section, are re-adopting various adult care home rules in accordance with the "Periodic Review of Existing Rules" process required in N.C. Gen. Stat. 150B. According to the law, rules identified during the initial review as being "necessary with substantive interest" must be re-adopted. The readoption process includes review by a rule re-adoption workgroup made up of representatives who are providers members of the two industry associations, resident advocacy groups, county departments of social services, the Ombudsman program, and relevant state agencies. The goal of the workgroup and re-adoption of rules is to ensure that rules are clear and unambiguous, are in line with current practices and laws, and protect the health, safety and rights of residents.

The following rules were approved for readoption by the N.C. Rules Review Commission on June 26, 2024 and the changes are effective September 1, 2024:

10A NCAC 13F. 0102 List of Definitions (Adopt)

10A NCAC 13F .0402 Qualifications of Manager (Readopt)

10A NCAC 13F .0404 Qualifications of Activity Director (Amend)

10A NCAC 13F .0408 Qualifications of Personal Care Aide Supervisor (Readopt)

10A NCAC 13F .0601 Management of Facilities - General Administrator and Manager Responsibilities (Readopt)

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10A NCAC 13F .0602 Management of Facilities with a Capacity or Census of Seven to Thirty Residents (Readopt)

10A NCAC 13F .0603 Management of Facilities with a Census of 31 to 80 Residents (Readopt)

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10A NCAC 13F .0607Staffing for Facilities with a Census of 13 to 20 Residents (Adopt)

10A NCAC 13F .0608 Staffing for Facilities with a Census of 21 or More Residents (Adopt)

10A NCAC 13F .0609 Personal Care Aide Supervisors (Adopt)

Important rule changes to note effective September 1, 2024, include:

- New Rules:
 - 10A NCAC 13F .0102 List of Definitions to clarify terms used throughout the adult care home rules
 - 10A NCAC 13F .0408 Qualifications of Personal Care Aide Supervisor (these qualifications were previously in Rule .0605)
- Changes to the Activity Director qualifications to eliminate alternative exam option and update rule to reflect current professional terminology
- Overall reorganization of Section .0600 Staffing, including changes in rule titles and rule numbers, to allow for easier read and comprehension
- Removal of requirements based on capacity or census to using the census to determine management and staffing requirements (used to be capacity or census)
- Updates to clarify specific management responsibilities to include the investigation and reporting of resident abuse, neglect, exploitation, drug diversion, elopement, missing residents, incidents involving hospitalizations or death, and clarifies that the administrator shall be aware when staffing requirements cannot be met and any time the facility seeks the assistance of local law enforcement
- The term "Administrator-in-Charge" has been eliminated and changed to "Manager" for clarity. The Administrator remains responsible for the operations of the facility, while the manager (who is under the direction and supervision of the certified administrator) may be in charge in their absence.

Please be sure to update your staff and colleagues, as well as your records, with these changes. Additionally, to ensure you have the most current set of rules for adult care homes, download copies of 10A NCAC 13F from the Adult Care Licensure Section website at https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/acls/rules.html.

Courtesy copies of the new revised rules and of the rules showing the changes made are enclosed with this memorandum. Also for your convenience, a Rule Comparison Chart is included to aid in understanding how this group of rules is now organized and where notable changes have been made.

Thank you for the care and services you continue to provide each day to the residents living in North Carolina adult care homes.

Please direct any questions you may have about this memorandum to DHSR.AdultCare.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

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DHSR Adult Care Licensure Section 10A NCAC 13F - Adult Care Homes (7 or more beds) Rule Comparison Chart - Rules Effective 9/1/2024

New Rule & ASPEN Tag Number* (effective 9/1/24)	Previous Rule & ASPEN Tag Number (prior to 9/1/24)	Key Changes & Important Information to Note
Rule: 13F .0102 List of Definitions Tag: 001	No previous rule or tag number. This is a new rule.	Clarifies terms used throughout the adult care home rules
Rule: 13F .0402 Qualifications of Manager Tag: 124	Rule: 13F .0402 Qualifications of Administrator-In-Charge Tag: 124	 Removes the position title of "Administrator-in-Charge" and changes the term to "Manager" Removes the alternative examination option for meeting minimum education requirements after September 1, 2024, allowing a Manager to have either a high school diploma or GED Updated continuing education topics
Rule: 13F .0404 Qualifications of Activity Director Tag(s): 128, 129	Rule: 13F .0404 Qualifications of Activity Director Tag(s): 128, 129	Updates terms to be consistent with professional standards
Rule: 13F .0408 Qualifications of Personal Care Aide Supervisor Tag: 146	This is a new rule and tag number.	 These requirements are not new. They were removed from rule .0605 and moved to Section .0400 Staff Qualifications. Removes the alternative examination option for meeting minimum education requirements after September 1, 2024.
Rule:13F .0601 Management of Facilities-General Administrator and Manager Responsibilities Tag(s): 176, 177, 178, 179, 180	This specific rule language did not exist prior to 9/1/24. **While 13F .0601 Management of Facilities with a Capacity or Census of Seven to Thirty Residents and 13F .0603 Management of Facilities with a Capacity or Census of 81 or more Residents mentioned	 Outlines the responsibilities of the Administrator and Manager, including knowledge and communication of certain incidents and events. "Administrator In-Charge" no longer used, term changed to "Manager".

^{*&}quot;ASPEN Tag Number" refers to the tag number assigned to each rule in the ASPEN Central Office database used by the DHSR Adult Care Licensure Section for generating a Statement of Deficiencies (SOD) report.

Rule:13F .0602 Management of Facilities with a Capacity or Census of Seven to Thirty Residents Tag(s):181	Administrator responsibilities, this specific rule language did not exist prior to 9/1/24.** Rule: 13F .0601 Management of Facilities with a Capacity or Census of Seven to Thirty Residents Tag(s):176,177, 180,181	 A Manager is responsible for the operations of the facility in the absence of the administrator; however, they will serve under the direction and supervision of the Administrator. Clarifies specific responsibilities and involvement in Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) Rule titles and numbers were shifted to accommodate new rule language No changes to the staffing requirements for facilities with a census of 7 to 30
Rule: 13F .0603 Management of Facilities with a Census of 31 to 80 Residents Tag:182	Rule: 13F.0602 Management of Facilities with a Capacity or Census of 31 to 80 Tag(s):181, 182	 Updated definition for "a cluster of licensed facilities" Rule titles and numbers were shifted to accommodate new rule language "Capacity" removed; requirements now based on "census" No changes to the staffing requirements for facilities with a census of 31 to 80
Rule: 13F .0604 Management of Facilities with a Census of 81 or more Tag:183	Rule: 13F .0603 Management of Facilities with a Capacity or Census of 81 or more Residents Tag(s):183, 184	 Rule titles and numbers were shifted to accommodate new rule language "Capacity" removed; requirements now based on "census" No changes to the staffing requirements for facilities with a census of 81 or more
Rule: 13F .0605 General Staffing Requirements for Adult Care Homes Tag(s):184,185,186,187	Rule: 13F .0604 Personal Care and Other Staffing Tag(s):185, 186 (duplicate), 211	 Paragraph (d) clarifies what information shall be posted daily. Clarifies that the contact information of the Administrator and Manager shall also be posted in the facility to ensure residents and families are aware of who they can contact with questions or concerns.
Rule: 13F .0606 Staffing for Facilities with a Census of Seven to Twelve Residents Tag(s):188, 189,190,191	Rule: 13F .0604 Personal Care and Other Staffing Tag(s): 186	Requirements were previously found in rule .0604, shift made to allow for easier read and improved comprehension

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Rule: 13F .0607 Staffing for Facilities	Rule: 13F .0604 Personal Care and Other	 Clarifies that staff shall always be awake to care for residents who are disoriented or known to have wandering behavior. No changes to staffing requirement for 7 to 12 residents
with a Census of 13 to 20 Residents Tag(s): 192 and 193	Staffing Tag(s): 195, 196, 197, 198, 199	 Requirements were previously found in rule .0604, shift made to allow for easier read and improved comprehension No changes to staffing requirements for 13 to 20 residents
Rule: 13F .0608 Staffing for Facilities with a Census of 21 or More Residents Tag(s): 194 and 195	Rule: 13F .0604 Personal Care and Other Staffing Tag(s): 201, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210 Rule: 13F .0606 Staffing Chart Tag:219	 Requirements were previously found in rule .0604, shift made to allow for easier read and improved comprehension Clarified to specify the required aide duty hours for each shift and census. Clarifies when a PCA can perform housekeeping duties Staffing chart now found within this rule
Rule: 13F .0609 Personal Care Aide Supervisors Tag(s): 196, 197, 198, 199, 201	Rule: 13F .0605 Staffing of Personal Care Aide Supervisors Tag(s): 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218	 No new requirements for personal care aide supervisors. Qualifications of the PCA Supervisor have been moved to rule .0408 for easier reading to improve comprehension of the requirements.

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RULES FOR THE LICENSING OF ADULT CARE HOMES OF SEVEN OR MORE BEDS

10A NCAC 13F

Rules Effective September 1, 2024

10A NCAC 13F .0102 LIST OF DEFINITIONS

As used in this Subchapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "Abuse" means the term as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.
- (2) "Activities of daily living" or "ADL's" means eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, bowel and bladder control, transfers, ambulation, and communication.
- (3) "Acute care needs" means symptoms or a condition that develops quickly and is not a part of the resident's baseline health or mental health status or is a change or worsening in the symptoms of a resident's chronic condition, which may have a slower onset and worsen over time.
- (4) "Administrator" means the term as defined in G.S. 90-288.13 and G.S. 131D-2.1.
- (5) "Adult care home" means the term as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.
- "Alternative examination" means a test developed and administered by the Department to meet the educational requirements of an activity director, administrator-in-charge, manager, or personal care aide supervisor for those applicants who do not possess a high school diploma or General Education Diploma (G.E.D.) prior to September 1, 2024.
- (7) "Aide duty" means time spent by qualified staff providing assistance with activities of daily living, medication administration, or supervision of residents as determined by the resident's assessment, care plan, physician's orders, and current symptoms.
- (8) "Department" means the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
- (9) "Discharge" means a resident's termination of their residency at the adult care home, resulting in the resident's move to another location.
- (10) "Exploitation" means the term as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.
- (11) "Facility" means a licensed adult care home.
- (12) "First shift" means the hours of work between 7:01 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- (13) "Food service duties" means tasks performed by staff related to serving meals to residents, including assisting with food preparation, arranging and setting the dining tables, serving food and beverages, and cleaning the dining room after meal service is complete.
- (14) "Housekeeping duties" means tasks performed by staff such as cleaning and sanitizing facility common areas and resident rooms.
- "Legal representative" means a person authorized by state or federal law (including, but not limited to, power of attorney, legal guardian, or representative payee) to act on behalf of the resident to support the resident in decision-making; access medical, social, or other personal information of the resident; and manage financial matters or receive notifications.
- "Long-term care" means a continuum of care and services available in an individual's community that provides the care and support required during a persistent or chronic health condition, such as when a person is unable to independently perform some or all activities of daily living or requires supervision due to physical or cognitive impairment.
- (17) "Manager" means an individual responsible for the day-to-day operation of an adult care home in the absence of the administrator and under the direction and supervision of the administrator as described in Rule .0402 of this Subchapter.
- "Medication aide" means an individual who administers medications to residents and meets all requirements as set forth in Rule .0403 of this Subchapter.
- (19) "Neglect" means the term as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.
- (20) "On-call" means able to be contacted by two-way telecommunication.
- (21) "On-duty" in reference to an administrator means the administrator is on-site and directly responsible for the day-to-day operations of a facility. "On-duty" in reference to a manager means a manager designated by the administrator as required in Rule .0402 of this Subchapter and who is on-site and directly responsible for the day-to-day operations of a facility under the direction and supervision of the administrator.
- (22) "Personal care aide" means a staff member who performs personal care services as defined by G.S. 131D-2.1.
- (23) "Physical restraint" means any physical or mechanical device attached to or adjacent to the resident's body that the resident cannot remove easily, and which restricts freedom of movement or normal access to one's body.
- (24) "Physician extender" means a licensed physician assistant or a licensed nurse practitioner.
- (25) "Resident" means the term as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.

- "Responsible person" means a person chosen by the resident to act on their behalf to support the resident in decision-making; have access to medical, social, or other personal information of the resident; manage financial matters; or receive notifications.
- "Second shift" means the hours of work between 3:01 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- (28) "Staff" means any person who performs duties as an employee, paid or unpaid, on behalf of the adult care home.
- "Supervision" means oversight, monitoring, and interventions implemented by the facility for the purpose of mitigating the risk of an accident, incident, illness, or injury to a resident to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the resident and other residents.
- (30) "Supervisor" means a personal care aide supervisor as defined in Rule .0609 of this Subchapter.
- (31) "Third shift" means the hours of work between 11:01 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 143B-165; Eff. September 1, 2024.

10A NCAC 13F .0402 QUALIFICATIONS OF MANAGER

The facility shall designate a manager when the administrator is absent from the facility. The manager, is responsible for carrying out the day-to-day operations of an adult care home in the absence of the administrator. The administrator remains ultimately responsible for the adult care home, and the manager shall serve under the direction and supervision of the administrator. The manager shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) be 21 years or older;
- be a high school graduate or certified under the G.E.D. program, or if hired before September 1, 2024, have passed the alternative examination established by the Department;
- (3) have six months training or experience related to management or supervision in long term care or health care settings or be a licensed health professional such as a mental health professional, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or registered nurse, a nursing home administrator certified pursuant to G.S. 90-276(4), or an assisted living administrator certified pursuant to G.S. 90-288.14; and
- (4) earn 12 hours a year of continuing education credits in the management of adult care homes or care of the elderly and individuals with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, cognitive impairment, and mental illness.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D.2.16; 131D-4.5; 131D-25; 143B-165;

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Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;

Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 1999;

Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;

Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2003;

Amended Eff. June 1, 2004; Readopted Eff. September 1, 2024.

10A NCAC 13F .0404 QUALIFICATIONS OF ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

Adult care homes shall have an activity director who meets the following qualifications:

- (1) The activity director hired after September 30, 2022 shall meet a minimum educational requirement by being a high school graduate or certified under the GED Program.
- (2) The activity director hired after September 30, 2022 shall complete, within nine months of employment or assignment to this position, the basic activity course for assisted living activity directors offered by community colleges or a comparable activity course as determined by the Department based on instructional hours and content. An activity director shall be exempt from the required basic activity course if one or more of the following applies:
 - be a licensed recreational therapist or be eligible for certification as a therapeutic recreation specialist as defined by the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Act in accordance with G.S. 90C;
 - (b) have two years of experience working in programming for an adult recreation or activities program within the last five years, one year of which was full-time in an activities program for patients or residents in a health care or long term care setting;
 - (c) be a licensed occupational therapist or licensed occupational therapy assistant in accordance with G.S. 90, Article 18D;
 - (d) be certified as an Activity Professional by the National Certification Council for Activity Professionals; or
 - (e) the required basic activity course was completed prior to September 1, 2024.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.5; 143B-165;

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Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022;

Amended Eff. September 1, 2024.

10A NCAC 13F .0408 QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONAL CARE AIDE SUPERVISOR

- (a) Facilities with a census of 31 or more residents shall employ a Personal Care Aide Supervisor as defined in Paragraph (b) of this Rule. The term "Supervisor" as used throughout Section .0600 of this Subchapter refers to the Personal Care Aide Supervisor.
- (b) A supervisor shall meet the following qualifications:
 - (1) be 21 years or older;
 - be a high school graduate or certified under the G.E.D. program or if hired before September 1, 2024, have passed an alternative examination established by the Department;
 - (3) meet the health requirements according to Rule .0406 of this Section;
 - (4) have six months of experience in performing or supervising the performance of the duties to be supervised during the period of three years prior to July 1, 2000 or the date of hire, whichever is later, or be a licensed health professional such as a mental health professional, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or registered nurse, or a nursing home administrator certified pursuant to G.S. 90-276(4):
 - (5) meet the same minimum training and competency requirements of the aides being supervised; and
 - (6) earn 12 hours a year of continuing education credits related to the care of the elderly and individuals with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, cognitive impairment, and mental illness.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 143B-165; Eff. September 1, 2024.

SECTION .0600 - STAFFING

10A NCAC 13F .0601 MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES - GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR AND MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Each adult care home shall have an administrator who is certified in accordance with Rule .1701 of this Subchapter. The administrator shall be responsible for the total operation and management of the facility to assure that all care and services are provided to maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the residents in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations and codes. The administrator shall also be responsible to the Division of Health Service Regulation and the county department of social services for complying with the rules of this Subchapter. The co-administrator, when there is one, shall share equal responsibility with the administrator for the operation of the home and for meeting and maintaining the rules of this Subchapter. The term "administrator" also refers to co-administrator where it is used in this Subchapter.
- (b) An adult care home manager shall be responsible for carrying out the day-to-day operations and all required duties of an adult care home in the absence of an administrator.
- (c) The administrator shall have knowledge of and shall ensure the following:
 - (1) the investigation and reporting of any allegations of resident abuse, neglect, and exploitation as specified in Rule .1212(d) of this Subchapter;
 - (2) the investigation and reporting of any suspicion of or allegations of drug diversion as specified in Rule .1008 of this Subchapter;
 - (3) the reporting of any incidents of resident elopement or when a resident is missing from the facility, as required in Rule .1212(e)(2) and Rule .0906(f)(4) of this Subchapter; and
 - (4) the investigation and reporting of any incident or accident resulting in the hospitalization or death of a resident, as specified in Rule .1208 and Rule .1212 of this Subchapter.
- (d) The administrator shall be made aware when the facility is unable to meet the staffing requirements of this Section.
- (e) The administrator shall be made aware any time the facility seeks the assistance of the local law enforcement authority.
- (f) For facilities with a census of 7 to 30 residents, the manager or staff person on duty shall immediately notify the administrator of any of the circumstances listed in Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this Rule.
- (g) For facilities with a census of 31 or more, the manager or supervisor shall immediately notify the administrator of any of the circumstances listed in Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this Rule.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.4; 131D-4.5; 131D-25; 143B-165; Eff. January 1, 1977; Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977; Amended Eff. July 1, 1990; April 1, 1987; April 1, 1984; Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 2000; December 1, 1999; Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2003; Amended Eff. July 1, 2005; June 1, 2004; Readopted Eff. September 1, 2024.

10A NCAC 13F .0602 MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES WITH A CAPACITY OR CENSUS OF SEVEN TO THIRTY RESIDENTS

In a facility with a census of greater than seven but less than 31 residents, there shall be one administrator or manager who is directly responsible for assuring that all required duties are carried out in the facility. One or more of the following arrangements shall be used to manage a facility with a census of seven to 30 residents:

- (1) the administrator is in the facility or within 500 feet of the facility with a means of two-way telecommunication with the facility at all times;
- (2) a manager is in the facility or within 500 feet of the facility with a means of two-way telecommunication with the facility at all times; or
- (3) when there is a cluster of licensed facilities, each with a census of 12 or fewer residents, there shall be at least one staff member, either live-in or on a shift basis in each of these facilities. In addition, there shall be at least one administrator or manager who is within 500 feet of each home with a means of two-way telecommunication with each facility at all times and directly responsible for assuring that all required duties are carried out in each facility. For the purpose of the rules in this Section, "a cluster of licensed facilities" means up to six licensed adult care homes which are under common ownership and are located adjacently on the same site.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 131D-25; 143B-165;

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10A NCAC 13F .0603 MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES WITH A CENSUS OF 31 TO 80 RESIDENTS

Each facility with a census of greater than 30 but less than 81 residents shall:

(1) have an administrator on-call at all times when not in the building; and

(2) have a manager on-duty in the facility when the administrator is not on-duty in the facility. The personal care aide supervisor, as required in Rule .0608 of this Section, may serve simultaneously as the manager.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 131D-25; 143B-165;

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10A NCAC 13F .0604 MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES WITH A CENSUS OF 81 OR MORE RESIDENTS

- (a) For an adult care home with a census of 81 or more residents, there shall be an administrator on-duty at the facility at least eight hours per day, five days per week, and shall not serve simultaneously as a personal care aide supervisor or other staff to meet staffing requirements while on duty as an administrator or be an administrator for another adult care home. If there is more than one facility under the same ownership on a contiguous parcel of land or campus setting, and the combined licensed capacity of the facilities is 200 beds or less, there may be one administrator on duty for all the facilities on the campus. The administrator shall not serve simultaneously as a personal care aide supervisor or other staff in this campus setting.
- (b) When the administrator is not on-duty, there shall be a manager on-duty. The supervisor may serve simultaneously as the manager if the individual meets the qualifications required in Rule .0402 of this Subchapter. Each facility on a contiguous parcel of land or campus setting, as described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, shall have a person designated as the manager in the facility when the administrator is not on-duty.

(c) The administrator shall be on-call, at all times when not on-duty.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.5; 131D-25; 143B-165;

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10A NCAC 13F .0605 GENERAL STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT CARE HOMES

- (a) Adult care homes shall staff based on the facility's resident census and provide staffing to meet the care and supervision needs of the residents in accordance with the rules of this Subchapter.
- (b) At no time shall residents be left alone without a staff member in the facility.
- (c) The facility shall maintain a daily census log which lists current residents by name, room assignment and date of admission, which shall be available for review by the Division of Health Service Regulation and the county departments of social services.
- (d) The facility shall post daily staffing information in a location accessible to residents and visitors in accordance with G.S. 131D-4.3(a)(5). The information shall include:
 - (1) the name and contact information of the administrator and manager;
 - (2) the number of required supervisors on each shift; and
 - (3) the number of aides required on each shift.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 143B-165;

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10A NCAC 13F .0606 STAFFING FOR FACILITIES WITH A CENSUS OF SEVEN TO TWELVE RESIDENTS

- (a) In a facility with a census of greater than six but less than 13 residents, there shall be an administrator or manager in the facility or within 500 feet of the facility with a means of two-way telecommunication at all times.
- (b) When the administrator or manager is not on-duty, there shall be at least one staff member on-duty on the first and second shifts and at least one staff member available within the building, who need not be on-duty, on third shift. There shall be a call system connecting the bedroom of the available staff member, who may be asleep on the third shift, with each resident's bedroom. If there are residents in the facility who are disoriented or known to have wandering behavior, there shall be at least one staff member on-duty and awake at all times.
- (c) When the administrator or manager is on duty on the first or second shifts and available within the facility on third shift, another staff member (i.e., co-administrator, manager or aide) shall be in the building or within 500 feet of the facility with a means of two-way telecommunication at all times.
- (d) The administrator shall prepare a plan of operation for each licensed facility specifying the staff involved, their regularly assigned duties and the amount of time estimated to be spent for each duty. There shall be a current plan of operation on file in the facility, available for review by the Division of Health Service Regulation and the county department of social services.
- (e) Each facility shall assign at least one staff member per shift to provide personal care services and supervision of residents as needed by the residents. The staff member so assigned shall not perform food service duties during the shift of rendering care services and supervision. The staff member so assigned shall not perform housekeeping duties during the shift of rendering care services and supervision, except:
 - (1) between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and then only when the housekeeping duties are incidental to the rendering of care services; and
 - (2) between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and then only to the extent that the housekeeping duties do not hinder the assigned staff's duties of care or immediate response to residents, nor impede the assigned staff member's ability to monitor the residents.
- (f) There shall be additional staff to provide daily housekeeping and food service duties.
- (g) A cluster of facilities, each with capacity or census of 12 or fewer residents, shall comply with the following staffing:
 - (1) When there is a cluster of up to six licensed facilities located adjacently, there shall be at least one administrator or manager who lives within 500 feet of each of the facilities with a means of two-way telecommunication at all times.
 - (2) The administrator or manager on-duty shall be directly responsible for assuring that all required daily duties are carried out in each facility.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 143B-165;

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Readopted Eff. September 1, 2024.

10A NCAC 13F .0607 STAFFING FOR FACILITIES WITH A CENSUS OF 13 TO 20 RESIDENTS

- (a) In a facility with a census of greater than 12 but less than 21 residents, there shall be an administrator or manager in the facility or within 500 feet of the facility with a means of two-way telecommunication at all times.
- (b) When the administrator or manager is not on duty within the facility, there shall be at least one awake staff member on duty on the first, second, and third shifts.
- (c) When the administrator or manager is on duty within the facility, another staff member (i.e. co-administrator, manager or aide) shall be in the building or within 500 feet of the facility with a means of two-way telecommunication at all times and available to assist if needed.
- (d) Each facility shall assign at least one staff member per shift to provide personal care services and supervision of residents as needed by the residents. The staff member so assigned shall not perform food service duties during the shift of rendering care services and supervision. The staff member so assigned shall not perform housekeeping duties during the shift of rendering care services and supervision, except;
 - (1) between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and then only when the housekeeping duties are incidental to the rendering of care services; and
 - (2) between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., and then only to the extent that the housekeeping duties do not hinder the assigned staff's duties of care or immediate response to residents, nor impede the assigned staff member's ability to monitor the residents.
- (e) There shall be additional staff to provide daily housekeeping and food service duties.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 143B-165; Eff. September 1, 2024.

10A NCAC 13F .0608 STAFFING FOR FACILITIES WITH A CENSUS OF 21 OR MORE RESIDENTS

- (a) Each facility with a census of 21 or more residents shall have staff on duty to meet the needs of the residents.
- (b) In addition to the requirement in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, each facility with a census of 21 or more residents shall comply with the following staffing requirements:
 - (1) On first shift and second shift, the total aide duty hours shall be at least:
 - (A) 16 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 21 to 40 residents.
 - (B) 20 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 41 to 50 residents.
 - (C) 24 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 51 to 60 residents.
 - (D) 28 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 61 to 70 residents.
 - (E) 32 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 71 to 80 residents.
 - (F) 36 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 81 to 90 residents.
 - (G) 40 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 91 to 100 residents.
 - (H) 44 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 101 to 110 residents.
 - (I) 48 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 111 to 120 residents.
 - (1) 46 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 111 to 120 residents
 - (J) 52 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 121 to 130 residents.
 - (K) 56 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 131 to 140 residents.
 - (L) 60 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 141 to 150 residents.
 - (M) 64 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 151 to 160 residents.
 - (N) 68 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 161 to 170 residents.
 - (O) 72 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 171 to 180 residents.
 - (P) 76 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 181 to 190 residents.
 - (Q) 80 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 191 to 200 residents.
 - (R) 84 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 201 to 210 residents.
 - (S) 88 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 211 to 220 residents.
 - (T) 92 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 221 to 230 residents.
 - (U) 96 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 231 to 240 residents.
 - (2) On third shift, the total aide duty hours shall be at least:
 - (A) 8 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 21 to 30 residents.
 - (B) 16 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 31 to 60 residents.
 - (C) 24 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 61 to 90 residents.
 - (D) 32 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 91 to 120 residents.
 - (E) 40 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 121 to 150 residents.
 - (F) 48 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 151 to 180 residents.
 - (G) 56 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 181 to 210 residents.
 - (H) 64 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 211 to 240 residents.
 - (3) If the Department determines the needs of the residents at a facility are not being met by staffing requirements of Paragraph (b) of this Rule, the Department shall require the facility to employ staff to meet the needs of the residents.
- (c) The aide shall provide personal care services and supervision needed by the residents.
- (d) Aides shall not provide housekeeping duties except:
 - (1) Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.:
 - (A) to prevent an accident or injury;
 - (B) when occasionally attending to an individual resident housekeeping need; and
 - (C) when the number of aides on duty exceeds the minimum required by Paragraph (a) of this Rule.
 - (2) Between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., as long as the housekeeping duties do not:
 - (A) hinder the aide's care of residents or immediate response to resident calls;
 - (B) do not disrupt the residents' normal lifestyles and sleeping patterns; and
 - (C) do not take the aide out of view of where the residents are as the aide shall be prepared to care for the residents since that remains his or her primary duty.
- (e) Aides shall not be assigned food service duties except when providing assistance to individual residents who need help with eating and carrying plates, trays, or beverages to residents.
- (f) In addition to the staffing required for management and aide duties, there shall be additional staff to perform housekeeping and food service duties.

Note: The following chart illustrates the required aide, supervisory and management staffing requirements for each eight-hour shift in facilities with a census of 21 or more residents according to Rules .0602, .0603, .0604, .0608, and .0609 of this Section.

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	available.**
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Aide 24 24	16
51-60 Supervisor 8* 8*	In the building, or within 500 feet and immediately available.**
Administrator On	call
Aide 28 28	24
61-70 Supervisor 8* 8*	4 hours within the facility/4 hours within 500 feet and immediately available.**
Administrator On	call
Aide 32 32	24
71-80 Supervisor 8 8	4 hours within the facility/4 hours within 500 feet and immediately available.**
Administrator On	call
Aide 36 36	24
81-90 Supervisor 8 8	4 hours within the facility/4 hours within 500 feet and immediately available.**
Administrator 5 days/week: Minimum of 40 ho	ours. When not in facility, on call.
Aide 40 40	32
91-100 Supervisor 8 8	8**
Administrator 5 days/week: Minimum of 40 ho	ours. When not in facility, on call.
Aide 44 44	32
101-110 Supervisor 8 8	8**
Administrator 5 days/week: Minimum of 40 ho	ours. When not in facility, on call.
Aide 48 48	32
111-120 Supervisor 8 8	8**
Administrator 5 days/week: Minimum of 40 ho	ours. When not in facility, on call.

	Aide	52	52	40
	Supervisor	8	8	8
121-130	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	56	56	40
131-140	Supervisor	8	8	8
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Who	en not in facility, on call
	Aide	60	60	40
141-150	Supervisor	8	8	8
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	64	64	48
151-160	Supervisor	16	16	8
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	68	68	48
161-170	Supervisor	16	16	8
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	72	72	48
171-180	Supervisor	16	16	8
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	76	76	56
181-190	Supervisor	16	16	8
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	80	80	56
191-200	Supervisor	16	16	8
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	84	84	56
201-210	Supervisor	16	16	8
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	88	88	64
211-220	Supervisor	16	16	16
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	92	92	64
221-230	Supervisor	16	16	16
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	96	96	64
231-240	Supervisor	24	24	16
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mi	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.

Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 143B-165; Eff. September 1, 2024. History Note:

^{*}Supervisor may conduct up to four hours of aide duty.

** Supervisor's time on duty in the facility may be counted as required aide duty if the facility is sprinklered.

10A NCAC 13F .0609 PERSONAL CARE AIDE SUPERVISORS

- (a) The personal care aide supervisor shall be responsible for the direct supervision of personal care aides, including those who administer medications, to assure that care and services are provided to residents by personal care aides in in accordance with their training, the facility's policies and procedures, the licensure rules of this Subchapter, and Chapter 131D of the general statutes. The personal care aide supervisor shall also be responsible for observing personal care aides in the performance of their duties; instructing, correcting, and consulting with aides as needed; and reviewing documentation by aides.
- (b) During the first and second shifts in facilities with a census of 31 or more residents, and on third shift in facilities with a census of 91 or more residents, the facility shall have supervisors on-duty during each shift as follows:
 - (1) One supervisor on duty in the facility for less than 64 hours of aide duty per shift.
 - (2) Two supervisors for 64 to less than 96 hours of aide duty per shift.
 - (3) Three supervisors for 96 to less than 128 hours of aide duty per shift.
- (c) Supervisors shall not provide hours of aide duty while servicing as a supervisor except as follows:
 - (1) On third shift, in facilities with a census of 31 to 120 residents and a sprinkler fire suppression system.
 - (2) On first and second shifts, up to four hours, in facilities with a census of 31 to 70 residents.
 - On first and second shifts, in facilities with a census of 71 or more residents in which some personal care duties are performed, but the time involved in performing any personal care cannot be counted as required aide hours.
- (d) On third shift, in facilities with a census of 31 to 60 residents, the supervisor shall be in the facility or within 500 feet and immediately available, as defined in Rule .0608 of this Section.
- (e) On third shift, in facilities with a census of 61 to 90 residents, the supervisor shall be on duty in the facility for at least four hours and within 500 feet and immediately available, as defined in Rule .0608 of this Section, for the remaining four hours.
- (f) The supervisor on duty shall not serve simultaneously as the administrator but may serve simultaneously as the manager in the absence of the administrator.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 143B-165; Eff. September 1, 2024.

1	10A NCAC 13F	.0102 is adopted as published in 38:11 NCR 662-677 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 13F	7.0102 LIST OF DEFINITIONS
4	As used in this S	Subchapter, the following definitions shall apply:
5	<u>(1)</u>	"Abuse" means the term as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.
6	<u>(2)</u>	"Activities of daily living" or "ADL's" means eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, bowel and bladder
7		control, transfers, ambulation, and communication.
8	(3)	"Acute care needs" means symptoms or a condition that develops quickly and is not a part of the
9		resident's baseline health or mental health status or is a change or worsening in the symptoms of a
10		resident's chronic condition, which may have a slower onset and worsen over time.
11	(4)	"Administrator" means the term as defined in G.S. 90-288.13 and G.S. 131D-2.1.
12	(5)	"Adult care home" means the term as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.
13	(6)	"Alternative examination" means a test developed and administered by the Department to meet the
14		educational requirements of an activity director, administrator-in-charge, manager, or personal care
15		aide supervisor for those applicants who do not possess a high school diploma or General Education
16		Diploma (G.E.D.) prior to September 1, 2024.
17	<u>(7)</u>	"Aide duty" means time spent by qualified staff providing assistance with activities of daily living,
18		medication administration, or supervision of residents as determined by the resident's assessment,
19		care plan, physician's orders, and current symptoms.
20	<u>(8)</u>	"Department" means the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
21	<u>(9)</u>	"Discharge" means a resident's termination of their residency at the adult care home, resulting in
22		the resident's move to another location.
23	(10)	"Exploitation" means the term as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.
24	<u>(11)</u>	"Facility" means a licensed adult care home.
25	(12)	"First shift" means the hours of work between 7:01 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
26	(13)	"Food service duties" means tasks [that may be performed by staff related to serving meals to
27		residents, including assisting with food preparation, [arranging,] arranging and setting the dining
28		tables, serving food and beverages, and cleaning the dining room after meal service is complete.
29	<u>(14)</u>	"Housekeeping duties" means tasks [that may be] performed by staff such as cleaning and sanitizing
30		facility common areas and resident rooms. [rooms, sweeping, vacuuming, dusting, mopping,
31		collecting, and disposing of trash,
32	(15)	"Legal representative" means a person authorized by state or federal law (including, [fineluding]but
33		not limited [to] to, power of attorney, legal guardian, or representative payee) to act on behalf of the
34		resident to support the resident in decision-making; access medical, social, or other personal
35		information of the resident; and manage financial matters or receive notifications.
36	(16)	"Long-term care" means a continuum of care and services available in an individual's community
37		that provides the care and [supports] support required during a persistent or chronic [state of health,

1		throughout which time ineatth condition, such as when a person is unable to independently perform
2		some or all activities of daily living or requires supervision due to physical or cognitive impairment.
3	(17)	"Manager" means an individual responsible for the day-to-day operation of an adult care home in
4		the absence of the administrator and under the direction and supervision of the administrator as
5		described in Rule .0402 of this Subchapter.
6	(18)	"Medication aide" means an individual who administers medications to residents and meets all
7		requirements as set forth in Rule .0403 of this Subchapter.
8	<u>(19)</u>	"Neglect" means the term as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.
9	(20)	"On-call" means able to be contacted by two-way telecommunication.
10	(21)	"On-duty" in reference to an administrator means the administrator is on-site and directly
11		responsible for the day-to-day operations of a facility. "On-duty" in reference to a manager means
12		a manager designated by the administrator as required in Rule .0402 of this Subchapter and who is
13		on-site and directly responsible for the day-to-day operations of a facility under the direction and
14		supervision of the administrator.
15	(22)	"Personal care aide" means a staff member who performs personal care services as defined by G.S.
16		<u>131D-2.1.</u>
17	(23)	"Physical restraint" means any physical or mechanical device attached to or adjacent to the
18		resident's body that the resident cannot remove easily, and which restricts freedom of movement or
19		normal access to one's body.
20	(24)	"Physician extender" means a licensed physician assistant or a licensed nurse practitioner.
21	(25)	"Resident" means the term as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.
22	(26)	"Responsible person" means a person chosen by the resident to act on their behalf to support the
23		resident in decision-making; have access to medical, social, or other personal information of the
24		resident; manage financial matters; or receive notifications.
25	(27)	"Second shift" means the hours of work between 3:01 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
26	(28)	"Staff" means any person who performs duties as an employee, paid or unpaid, on behalf of the
27		adult care home.
28	(29)	"Supervision" means oversight, monitoring, and interventions implemented by the facility for the
29		purpose of mitigating the risk of an accident, incident, illness, or injury to a resident to ensure the
30		health, safety, and welfare of the resident and other residents.
31	(30)	"Supervisor" means a personal care aide supervisor as defined in Rule .0609 of this Subchapter.
32	(31)	"Third shift" means the hours of work between 11:01 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
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34	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; [143B-153;] 143B-165;
35		Eff. September 1, 2024.

2	The facility shall	l designate a manager when the administrator is absent from the facility. The administrator in charge,
3	manager, who is	s responsible to the administrator for carrying out the program in day-to-day operations of an adult
4	care home in the	absence of the administrator, administrator. The administrator remains ultimately responsible for the
5	adult care home	, and the manager shall serve under the direction and supervision of the administrator. The manager
6	shall meet the fo	ollowing requirements:
7	(1)	be 21 years or older;
8	(2)	be a high school graduate or certified under the G.E.D. program program, or if hired before
9		September 1, 2024, have passed an the alternative examination established by the Department;
10	(3)	have six months training or experience related to management or supervision in long term care or
11		health care settings or be a licensed health professional, professional such as a mental health
12		professional, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or registered nurse, licensed a nursing home
13		administrator administrator certified pursuant to G.S. 90-276(4), or certified an assisted living
14		administrator; administrator certified pursuant to G.S. 90-288.14; and
15	(4)	earn 12 hours a year of continuing education credits related to in the management of adult care
16		homes or care of aged and disabled persons. the elderly and individuals with physical, intellectual,
17		or developmental disabilities, cognitive impairment, and mental illness.
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19	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D.2.16; 131D-4.5; <u>131D-25;</u> 143B-165;
20		Eff. January 1, 1977;
21		Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
22		Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 1999;
23		Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;
24		Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2003;
25		Amended Eff. June 1, 2004. <u>2004:</u>
26		Readopted Eff. September 1, 2024.

10A NCAC 13F .0402 QUALIFICATIONS OF ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE MANAGER

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2 Adult care homes shall have an activity director who meets the following qualifications: 3 (1) The activity director hired after September 30, 2022 shall meet a minimum educational requirement by being a high school graduate or certified under the GED Program. 4 5 (2) The activity director hired after September 30, 2022 shall complete, within nine months of employment or assignment to this position, the basic activity course for assisted living activity 6 7 directors offered by community colleges or a comparable activity course as determined by the 8 Department based on instructional hours and content. An activity director shall be exempt from the 9 required basic activity course if one or more of the following applies: 10 be a licensed recreational therapist or be eligible for certification as a therapeutic recreation (a) 11 specialist as defined by the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Act in 12 accordance with G.S. 90C; 13 (b) have two years of experience working in programming for an adult recreation or activities 14 program within the last five years, one year of which was full-time in an activities program 15 for patients or residents in a health care or long term care setting; 16 (c) be a licensed occupational therapist or licensed occupational therapy assistant in 17 accordance with G.S. 90, Article 18D; or 18 be certified as an Activity Director Professional by the National Certification Council for (d) 19 Activity Professionals: Professionals; or 20 (e) the required basic activity course was completed prior to September 1, 2024. 21 22 History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.5; 143B-165; 23 Eff. January 1, 1977; 24 Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977; 25 Amended Eff. April 1, 1987; April 1, 1984; 26 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2003; 27 Amended Eff. June 1, 2004; 28 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2004; 29 Amended Eff. July 1, 2005; 30 Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022: 2022;

QUALIFICATIONS OF ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

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10A NCAC 13F .0404

Amended Eff. September 1, 2024.

1	10A NCAC 131	F .0408 QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONAL CARE AIDE SUPERVISOR
2	(a) Facilities w	rith a census of 31 or more residents shall employ a Personal Care Aide Supervisor as defined in
3	Paragraph (b) o	f this Rule. The term "Supervisor" as used throughout Section .0600 of this Subchapter refers to the
4	Personal Care A	ide Supervisor.
5	(b) A superviso	r shall meet the following qualifications:
6	<u>(1)</u>	be 21 years or older;
7	(2)	be a high school graduate or certified under the G.E.D. program or if hired before September 1.
8		2024, have passed an alternative examination established by the Department;
9	(3)	meet the health requirements according to Rule .0406 of this Section;
10	<u>(4)</u>	have six months of experience in performing or supervising the performance of the duties to be
11		supervised during the period of three years prior to July 1, 2000 or the date of hire, whichever is
12		later, or be a licensed health professional such as a mental health professional, nurse practitioner.
13		physician assistant, or registered nurse, or a nursing home administrator certified pursuant to G.S.
14		<u>90-276(4);</u>
15	(5)	meet the same minimum training and competency requirements of the aides being supervised; and
16	(6)	earn 12 hours a year of continuing education credits related to the care of the elderly and individuals
17		with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, cognitive impairment, and mental illness.
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19	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 143B-165;
20		Eff. September 1, 2024.

1	10A NCAC 13F .0601 is readopted with changes as published in 38:11 NCR 662-677 as follows:
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3	SECTION .0600 - STAFFING
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5	10A NCAC 13F .0601 MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES WITH A CAPACITY OR CENSUS OF SEVEN
6	TO THIRTY RESIDENTS FACILITIES - GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR AND
7	MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES
8	(a) Each adult care home shall have an An adult care home administrator who is certified in accordance with Rule
9	.1701 of this Subchapter. The administrator shall be responsible for the total operation of an adult care home and
10	management of the facility to assure that all care and services are provided to maintain the health, safety, and welfare
11	of the residents in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations and codes. The administrator
12	shall also be responsible to the Division of Health Service Regulation and the county department of social services for
13	meeting and maintaining complying with the rules of this Subchapter. The co-administrator, when there is one, shall
14	share equal responsibility with the administrator for the operation of the home and for meeting and maintaining the
15	rules of this Subchapter. The term administrator "administrator" also refers to co-administrator where it is used in this
16	Subchapter.
17	(b) At all times there shall be one administrator or administrator in charge who is directly responsible for assuring
18	that all required duties are carried out in the home and for assuring that at no time is a resident left alone in the home
19	without a staff member. Except for the provisions in Paragraph (c) of this Rule, one of the following arrangements
20	shall be used to manage a facility with a capacity or census of 7 to 30 residents:
21	(1) The administrator is in the home or within 500 feet of the home with a means of two way
22	telecommunication with the home at all times;
23	(2) An administrator in charge is in the home or within 500 feet of the home with a means of two way
24	telecommunication with the home at all times; or
25	(3) When there is a cluster of licensed homes, each with a capacity of 7 to 12 residents, located
26	adjacently on the same site, there shall be at least one staff member, either live in or on a shift basis
27	in each of these homes. In addition, there shall be at least one administrator or
28	administrator in charge who is within 500 feet of each home with a means of two way
29	telecommunication with each home at all times and directly responsible for assuring that all required
30	duties are carried out in each home.
31	(c) When the administrator or administrator in charge is absent from the home or not within 500 feet of the home,
32	the following shall apply:
33	(1) For absences of a non-routine nature that do not exceed 24 hours per week, a relief person in charge
34	designated by the administrator shall be in charge of the home during the absence and in the home
35	or within 500 feet of the home according to the requirements in Paragraph (b) of this Rule. The
36	administrator shall assure that the relief person in charge is prepared to respond in case of an
37	emergency in the home. The relief person in charge shall be 21 years or older.

1	(2)	For recurring or planned absences, a relief administrator in charge designated by the administrator
2		shall be in charge of the home during the absence and in the home or within 500 feet of the home
3		according to the requirements in Paragraph (b) of this Rule. The relief administrator in charge shall
4		meet all of the qualifications required for the administrator in charge as specified in Rule .0402 of
5		this Subchapter with the exception of Item (4) pertaining to the continuing education requirement.
6	(b) An adult car	e home manager shall be responsible for carrying out the day-to-day operations and all required duties
7	of an adult care	home in the absence of an administrator.
8	(c) The adminis	strator shall have knowledge of and shall ensure the following:
9	<u>(1)</u>	the investigation and reporting of any allegations of resident abuse, neglect, and exploitation as
10		specified in Rule .1212(d) of this Subchapter;
11	(2)	the investigation and reporting of any suspicion of or allegations of drug diversion as specified in
12		Rule .1008 of this Subchapter;
13	(3)	the reporting of any incidents of resident elopement or when a resident is missing from the facility,
14		as required in Rule .1212(e)(2) and Rule .0906(f)(4) of this Subchapter; and
15	<u>(4)</u>	the investigation and reporting of any incident or accident resulting in the hospitalization or death
16		of a resident, as specified in Rule .1208 and Rule .1212 of this Subchapter.
17	(d) The adminis	trator shall be made aware when the facility is unable to meet the staffing requirements of this Section.
18	(e) The admini	strator shall be made aware any time the facility seeks the assistance of the local law enforcement
19	authority.	
20	(f) For facilities	s with a census of 7 to 30 residents, the manager or staff person on duty shall immediately notify the
21	administrator of	any of the circumstances listed in Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this Rule.
22	(g) For faciliti	es with a census of 31 or more, the manager or supervisor shall immediately notify the
23	administrator of	any of the circumstances listed in Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this Rule.
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25	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; <u>131D-4.4;</u> 131D-4.5; <u>131D-25;</u> 143B-165;
26		Eff. January 1, 1977;
27		Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
28		Amended Eff. July 1, 1990; April 1, 1987; April 1, 1984;
29		Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 2000; December 1, 1999;
30		Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;
31		Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2003;
32		Amended Eff. July 1, 2005; June 1, 2004. <u>2004;</u>
33		Readopted Eff. September 1, 2024.

1	10A NCAC 13F	.0602 is readopted with changes as published in 38:11 NCR 662-677 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 13F	7.0602 MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES WITH A CAPACITY OR CENSUS OF 31 TO
4		80 SEVEN TO THIRTY RESIDENTS
5	(a) In facilities	with a capacity or census of 31 to 80 residents, there shall be an administrator on call, which means
6	able to be conta	cted by telephone, pager or two way intercom, at all times when not in the building. (For staffing
7	chart, see Rule.	0606 of this Subchapter.)
8	(b) When the ad	lministrator is not on duty in the facility, there shall be a person designated as administrator in charge
9	on duty in the fa	ecility who has the responsibility for the overall operation of the facility and meets the qualifications
10	for administrato	r in charge required in Rule .0602 of this Section. The personal care aide supervisor, as required in
11	Rule .0605 of th	is Subchapter, may serve simultaneously as the administrator in charge.
12	In a facility with	a census of greater than seven but less than 31 residents, there shall be one administrator or manager
13	who is directly	responsible for assuring that all required duties are carried out in the facility. One or more of the
14	following arrang	gements shall be used to manage a facility with a census of seven to 30 residents:
15	(1)	the administrator is in the facility or within 500 feet of the facility with a means of two-way
16		telecommunication with the facility at all times;
17	(2)	a manager is in the facility or within 500 feet of the facility with a means of two-way
18		telecommunication with the facility at all times; or
19	(3)	when there is a cluster of licensed facilities, each with a census of 12 or fewer residents, there shall
20		be at least one staff member, either live-in or on a shift basis in each of these facilities. In addition,
21		there shall be at least one administrator or manager who is within 500 feet of each home with a
22		means of two-way telecommunication with each facility at all times and directly responsible for
23		assuring that all required duties are carried out in each facility. For the purpose of the rules in this
24		Section, "a cluster of licensed facilities" means up to six licensed adult care homes which are under
25		common ownership and are located adjacently on the same site.
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27	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; <u>131D-25;</u> 143B-165;
28		Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2000;
29		Eff. July 1, 2000. <u>2000:</u>
30		Readopted Eff. September 1, 2024.

1 10A NCAC 13F .0603 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows: 2 3 10A NCAC 13F .0603 MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES WITH A CAPACITY OR CENSUS OF 81 OR 4 **MORE 31 TO 80 RESIDENTS** 5 (a) An adult care home with a capacity or census of 81 or more residents shall be under the direct control of an 6 administrator, who shall be responsible for the operation, administration, management and supervision of the facility 7 on a full time basis to assure that all care and services to residents are provided in accordance with all applicable local, 8 state and federal regulations and codes. The administrator shall be on duty in the facility at least eight hours per day, 9 five days per week and shall not serve simultaneously as a personal care aide supervisor or other staff to meet staffing 10 requirements while on duty as an administrator or be an administrator for another adult care home except as follows. If there is more than one facility on a contiguous parcel of land or campus setting, and the combined licensed capacity 11 of the facilities is 200 beds or less, there may be one administrator on duty for all the facilities on the campus. The 12 administrator shall not serve simultaneously as a personal care aide supervisor in this campus setting. For staffing 13 14 chart, see Rule .0606 of this Subchapter. 15 (b) When the administrator is not on duty in the facility, there shall be a person designated as administrator in charge on duty in the facility who has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility. The supervisor may serve 16 simultaneously as the administrator in charge. Each facility on a contiguous parcel of land or campus setting, as 17 18 described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, shall have a person designated as the administrator in charge in the facility 19 when the administrator is not on duty. 20 (c) The administrator shall be on call, which means able to be contacted by telephone, pager or two way intercom at 21 all times when not in the building. 22 Each facility with a census of greater than 30 but less than 81 residents shall: 23 have an administrator on-call at all times when not in the building; and 24 (2) have a manager on-duty in the facility when the administrator is not on-duty in the facility. The personal care aide supervisor, as required in Rule .0608 of this Section, may serve simultaneously 25 26 as the manager. 27 28 History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 131D-25; 143B-165; 29 Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2000; December 1, 1999; Eff. July 1, 2000; 30 Amended Eff. July 1, 2005. 2005; 31 32 Readopted Eff. September 1, 2024.

10A NCAC 13F .0604 is readopted with changes as published in 38:11 NCR 662-677 as follows:
10A NCAC 13F .0604 PERSONAL CARE AND OTHER STAFFING MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES
WITH A CENSUS OF 81 OR MORE RESIDENTS
(a) Adult care homes shall staff to the licensed capacity of the home or to the resident census. When a home is staffing
to resident census, a daily census log shall be maintained which lists current residents by name, room assignment and
date of admission and must be available for review by the Division of Health Service Regulation and the county
departments of social services.
(b) Homes with capacity or census of 12 or fewer residents shall comply with the following.
(1) At all times there shall be an administrator or administrator in charge in the home or within 500 feet
of the home with a means of two way telecommunication.
(2) When the administrator or administrator in charge is not on duty within the home, there shall be at
least one staff member on duty on the first and second shifts and at least one staff member on call
within the building on third shift. There shall be a call system connecting the bedroom of the staff
member, who may be asleep on the third shift, with each resident's bedroom.
(3) When the administrator or administrator in charge is on duty within the home on the first and second
shifts and on call within the home on the third shift, another staff member (i.e., co administrator,
administrator in charge or aide) shall be in the building or within 500 feet of the home with a means
of two way telecommunication at all times.
(4) The administrator shall prepare a plan of operation for the home (each home in a cluster) specifying
the staff involved, their regularly assigned duties and the amount of time estimated to be spent for
each duty. There shall be a current plan of operation on file in the home, available for review by
the Division of Health Service Regulation and the county department of social services.
(5) At least 12 hours shall be spent daily providing for the personal services, health services, drug
management, planned activities, and other direct services needed by the residents. These duties are
the primary responsibility of the staff member(s) on duty on the first and second shifts; however,
other help, such as administrator in charge and activities coordinator may be used to assist in
providing these services.
(6) Between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. the staff member on duty and the person on call may perform
housekeeping and food service duties as long as a staff member can respond immediately to resident
calls or the residents are otherwise supervised. The duties shall not hinder care of residents or
immediate response to resident calls, disrupt residents' normal lifestyles and sleeping patterns, nor
take a staff member out of view of where the residents are.
(7) There shall be staff available daily to assure housekeeping and food service.
(c) A cluster of homes with capacity or census of 12 or fewer residents shall comply with the following staffing:
(1) When there is a cluster of up to six licensed homes located adjacently, there shall be at least one
administrator or administrator in charge who lives within 500 feet of each of the homes with a

1		means of two way telecommunication at all times and who is directly responsible for assuring that
2		all required duties are carried out in each home; and
3	(2)	In each of the homes, at least one staff member shall be on duty on the first and second shifts and at
4		least one staff member shall be on call within the building during the third shift. There shall be a
5		call system connecting the bedroom of the staff member, who may be asleep on the third shift, with
6		each resident's bedroom.
7	(d) Homes with o	capacity or census of 13–20 shall comply with the following staffing. When the home is staffing to
8	census and the ce	nsus falls below 13 residents, the staffing requirements for a home with 12 or fewer residents shall
9	apply.	
10	(1)	At all times there shall be an administrator or administrator in charge in the home or within 500 feet
11		of the home with a means of two-way telecommunication.
12	(2)	When the administrator or administrator in charge is not on duty within the home, there shall be at
13		least one staff member on duty on the first, second and third shifts.
14	(3)	When the administrator or administrator in charge is on duty within the home, another staff member
15		(i.e. co administrator, administrator in charge or aide) shall be in the building or within 500 feet of
16		the home with a means of two way telecommunication at all times.
17	(4)	The job responsibility of the staff member on duty within the home is to provide the direct personal
18		assistance and supervision needed by the residents. Any housekeeping duties performed by the staff
19		member between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. shall be limited to occasional, non-routine tasks.
20		The staff member may perform housekeeping duties between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. as long
21		as such duties do not hinder care of residents or immediate response to resident calls, do not disrupt
22		residents' normal lifestyles and sleeping patterns and do not take the staff member out of view of
23		where the residents are. The staff member on duty to attend to the residents shall not be assigned
24		food service duties.
25	(5)	In addition to the staff member(s) on duty to attend to the residents, there shall be staff available
26		daily to perform housekeeping and food service duties.
27	(e) Homes with c	apacity or census of 21 or more shall comply with the following staffing. When the home is staffing
28	to census and the	census falls below 21 residents, the staffing requirements for a home with a census of 13 20 shall
29	apply.	
30	(1)	The home shall have staff on duty to meet the needs of the residents. The daily total of aide duty
31		hours on each 8 hour shift shall at all times be at least:
32		(A) First shift (morning) 16 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census or capacity of 21 to
33		40 residents; and 16 hours of aide duty plus four additional hours of aide duty for every
34		additional 10 or fewer residents for facilities with a census or capacity of 40 or more
35		residents. (For staffing chart, see Rule .0606 of this Subchapter.)
36		(B) Second shift (afternoon) 16 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census or capacity of
37		21 to 40 residents; and 16 hours of aide duty plus four additional hours of aide duty for

1	every additional 10 or fewer residents for facilities with a census or capacity of 40 or more
2	residents. (For staffing chart, see Rule .0606 of this Subchapter.)
3	(C) Third shift (evening) 8.0 hours of aide duty per 30 or fewer residents (licensed capacity
4	or resident census). (For staffing chart, see Rule .0606 of this Subchapter.)
5	(D) The facility shall have additional aide duty to meet the needs of the facility's heavy care
6	residents equal to the amount of time reimbursed by Medicaid. As used in this Rule, the
7	term, "heavy care resident", means an individual residing in an adult care home who is
8	defined as "heavy care" by Medicaid and for which the facility is receiving enhanced
9	Medicaid payments.
10	(E) The Department shall require additional staff if it determines the needs of residents cannot
11	be met by the staffing requirements of this Rule.
12	(2) The following describes the nature of the aide's duties, including allowances and limitations:
13	(A) The job responsibility of the aide is to provide the direct personal assistance and
14	supervision needed by the residents.
15	(B) Any housekeeping performed by an aide between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. shall be
16	limited to occasional, non routine tasks, such as wiping up a water spill to prevent an
17	accident, attending to an individual resident's soiling of his bed, or helping a resident make
18	his bed. Routine bed making is a permissible aide duty.
19	(C) If the home employs more than the minimum number of aides required, any additional
20	hours of aide duty above the required hours of direct service between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.
21	may involve the performance of housekeeping tasks.
22	(D) An aide may perform housekeeping duties between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. as long
23	as such duties do not hinder the aide's care of residents or immediate response to resident
24	calls, do not disrupt the residents' normal lifestyles and sleeping patterns, and do not take
25	the aide out of view of where the residents are. The aide shall be prepared to care for the
26	residents since that remains his primary duty.
27	(E) Aides shall not be assigned food service duties; however, providing assistance to individual
28	residents who need help with eating and carrying plates, trays or beverages to residents is
29	an appropriate aide duty.
30	(3) In addition to the staffing required for management and aide duties, there shall be sufficient
31	personnel employed to perform housekeeping and food service duties.
32	(f) Information on required staffing shall be posted in the facility according to G.S. 131D 4.3(a)(5).
33	[a] For an adult care home with a census of 81 or more residents, there shall be an administrator on-duty at the
34	facility at least eight hours per day, five days per [week] week, and shall not serve simultaneously as a personal care
35	aide supervisor or other staff to meet staffing requirements while on duty as an administrator or be an administrator
36	for another adult care [home] home. [except as follows.] If there is more than one facility under the same ownership
37	on a contiguous parcel of land or campus setting, and the combined licensed capacity of the facilities is 200 beds or

1 less, there may be one administrator on duty for all the facilities on the campus. The administrator shall not serve 2 simultaneously as a personal care aide supervisor or other staff in this campus setting. 3 (b) When the administrator is not on-duty, there shall be a manager on-duty. The supervisor may serve simultaneously 4 as the manager if the individual meets the qualifications required in Rule .0402 of this Subchapter. Each facility on a 5 contiguous parcel of land or campus setting, as described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, shall have a person designated 6 as the manager in the facility when the administrator is not on-duty. 7 (c) The administrator shall be on-call, at all times when not on-duty. 8 9 Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; <u>131D-4.5; 131D-25;</u> 143B-165; History Note: 10 Eff. January 1, 1977; 11 Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;

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1	10A NCAC 13F .0605 is	readopted with changes as published in 38:11 NCR 662-677 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 13F .0605	STAFFING OF PERSONAL CARE AIDE SUPERVISORS GENERAL STAFFING
4		REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT CARE HOMES
5	(a) On first and second	shifts in facilities with a capacity or census of 31 or more residents and on third shift in
6	facilities with a capacity of	r census of 91 or more residents, there shall be at least one supervisor of personal care aides,
7	hereafter referred to as su	pervisor, on duty in the facility for less than 64 hours of aide duty per shift; two supervisors
8	for 64 to less than 96 hou	rs of aide duty per shift; and three supervisors for 96 to less than 128 hours of aide duty per
9	shift. In facilities sprinkl	ered for fire suppression with a capacity or census of 91 to 120 residents, the supervisor's
10	time on third shift may be	counted as required aide duty. (For staffing chart, see Rule .0606 of this Section.)
11	(b) On first and second sl	nifts in facilities with a capacity or census of 31 to 70 residents, the supervisor may provide
12	up to four hours of aide d	uty per shift which may be counted as required aide hours of duty. The supervisor's hours
13	on duty shall not be count	ed as required hours of aide duty except as specified in this Rule.
14	Note: Supervisors may b	e involved in performing some personal care in facilities with a capacity or census of 71 or
15	more residents, but their p	primary responsibility is the direct supervision of personal care aides and the time involved
16	in performing any person	al care cannot be counted as required aide hours.
17	(c) On third shift in facil	ties with a capacity or census of 31 to 60 residents, the supervisor shall be in the facility or
18	within 500 feet and imme	ediately available, as defined in Rule .0601 of this Subchapter. In facilities sprinklered for
19	fire suppression with a ca	pacity or census of 31 to 60 residents, the supervisor's time on duty in the facility on third
20	shift may be counted as re	equired aide duty.
21	(d) On third shift in facil	ities with a capacity or census of 61 to 90 residents, the supervisor shall be on duty in the
22	facility for at least four	hours and within 500 feet and immediately available, as defined in Rule .0601 of this
23	Subchapter, for the remain	ning four hours. In facilities sprinklered for fire suppression with a capacity or census of 61
24	to 90 residents, the superv	visor's time on duty in the facility on third shift may be counted as required aide duty.
25	(e) A supervisor is resp	onsible for the direct supervision of personal care aides, including those who administer
26	medications, to assure the	at care and services are provided to residents by personal care aides in a safe and secure
27	manner and according to	licensure rules. This involves observing personal care aides in the performance of their
28	duties; instructing, correct	ting and consulting with aides as needed; and reviewing documentation by aides.
29	(f) A supervisor on duty	shall not serve simultaneously as the administrator but may serve simultaneously as the
30	administrator in charge in	the absence of the administrator.
31	(g) A supervisor shall me	et the following qualifications:
32	(1) be 21 y	ears or older;
33	(2) be a high	gh school graduate or certified under the G.E.D. program, or have passed an alternative
34	examin	ation established by the Department;
35	(3) meet the	e general health requirements according to Rule .0406 of this Section;

1	(4) have at least six months of experience in performing or supervising the performance of duties to be
2	supervised during a period of three years prior to the effective date of this Rule or the date of hire,
3	whichever is later, or be a licensed health professional or a licensed nursing home administrator;
4	(5) meet the same minimum training and competency requirements of the aides being supervised; and
5	(6) earn at least 12 hours a year of continuing education credits related to the care of aged and disabled
6	persons in accordance with procedures established by the Department of Health and Human
7	Services.
8	(a) Adult care homes shall staff [to] based on the facility's resident census and provide staffing to meet the care and
9	supervision needs of the residents in accordance with the rules of this Subchapter.
10	(b) At no time shall residents be left alone without a staff member in the facility.
11	(c) The facility shall maintain a daily census log which lists current residents by name, room assignment and date of
12	admission, which shall be available for review by the Division of Health Service Regulation and the county
13	departments of social services.
14	(d) The facility shall post daily staffing information in a location accessible to residents and visitors in accordance
15	with G.S. 131D-4.3(a)(5). The information shall include:
16	(1) the name and contact information of the administrator and manager;
17	(2) the number of required supervisors on each shift; and
18	(3) the number of aides required on each shift.
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20	History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 143B-165;
21	Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2000; December 1, 1999;
22	Eff. July 1, 2000. <u>2000;</u>
23	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2024.

10A NCAC 13F .0606 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

10A NCAC 13F .0606 STAFFING CHART STAFFING FOR FACILITIES WITH A CENSUS OF SEVEN TO TWELVE RESIDENTS

The following chart specifies the required aide, supervisory and management staffing for each eight hour shift in facilities with a capacity or census of 21 or more residents according to Rules .0601, .0603, .0602, .0604 and .0605 of this Subchapter.

Bed Count	Position Type	First Shift	Second Shift	Third Shift
21 30	Aide	16	16	8
	Supervisor	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
	Administrator/SIC	In the building	or within 500 feet and	immediately available.
	Aide	16	16	16
				In the building, or within
31-40	Supervisor	<u>8*</u>	<u>8*</u>	500 feet and immediately
				available.**
	Administrator		On call	
	Aide	20	20	16
				In the building, or within
41-50	Supervisor	<u>8*</u>	<u>8*</u>	500 feet and immediately
				available.**
	Administrator		On call	
	Aide	24	24	16
				In the building, or within
51-60	Supervisor	<u>8*</u>	<u>8*</u>	500 feet and immediately
				available.**
	Administrator		On call	
	Aide	28	28	24
				4 hours within the
61-70	Supervisor	<u>8*</u>	<u>8*</u>	facility/4 hours within
				500 feet and immediately
				available.**
	Administrator		On call	
	Aide	32	32	24
				4 hours within the
71-80	Supervisor	8	8	facility/4 hours within
				500 feet and immediately
				available.**
	Administrator		On call	
	Aide	36	36	24
				4 hours within the
81-90	Supervisor	8	8	facility/4 hours within
				500 feet and immediately
				available.**
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mir	nimum of 40 hours. Wh	nen not in facility, on call.
	Aide	40	40	32
91-100	<u>Supervisor</u>	8	8	<u>8**</u>
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mir	nimum of 40 hours. Wh	nen not in facility, on call.
	Aide	44	44	32
101-110	Supervisor	8	8	8**
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mir	nimum of 40 hours. Wh	nen not in facility, on call.

	Aide	48	48	32	
111-120	Supervisor	8	8	8**	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Minimum of 40 hours. When not in facility, on call.			
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	Aide	52	52	40	
	Supervisor	8	8	8	
121-130	Administrator	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.	
	Aide	56	56	40	
131-140	Supervisor	8	8	8	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mir	nimum of 40 hours. Who	en not in facility, on call	
	Aide	60	60	40	
141-150	Supervisor	8	8	8	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.	
	Aide	64	64	48	
151-160	Supervisor	16	16	8	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.	
	Aide	68	68	48	
161-170	Supervisor	16	16	8	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Minimum of 40 hours. When not in facility, on call.			
	Aide	72	72	48	
171-180	Supervisor	16	16	8	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.	
	Aide	76	76	56	
181-190	Supervisor	16	16	8	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.	
	Aide	80	80	56	
191-200	Supervisor	16	16	8	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.	
	Aide	84	84	56	
201-210	Supervisor	16	16	8	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.	
	Aide	88	88	64	
211-220	Supervisor	16	16	16	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.	
	Aide	92	92	64	
221-230	Supervisor	16	16	16	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. When	en not in facility, on call.	
	Aide	96	96	64	
231 240	Supervisor	24	24	16	
	Administrator	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Whe	en not in facility, on call.	

^{2 *}Supervisor may conduct up to four hours of aide duty.

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^{3 **} Supervisor' time on duty in the facility may be counted as required aide duty if the facility is sprinklered.

^{4 (}a) In a facility with a census of greater than six but less than 13 residents, there shall be an administrator or manager

⁵ in the facility or within 500 feet of the facility with a means of two-way telecommunication at all times.

^{6 (}b) When the administrator or manager is not on-duty, there shall be at least one staff member on-duty on the first

⁷ and second shifts and at least one staff member available within the building, who need not be on-duty, on third shift.

⁸ There shall be a call system connecting the bedroom of the available staff member, who may be asleep on the third

l	shift, with each	n resident's bedroom. If there are residents in the facility who are disoriented or known to have		
2	wandering behavior, there shall be at least one staff member on-duty and awake at all times.			
3	(c) When the ac	dministrator or manager is on duty on the first or second shifts and available within the facility on third		
4	shift, another st	aff member (i.e., co-administrator, manager or aide) shall be in the building or within 500 feet of the		
5	facility with a n	neans of two-way telecommunication at all times.		
6	(d) The admini	strator shall prepare a plan of operation for each licensed facility specifying the staff involved, their		
7	regularly assign	ed duties and the amount of time estimated to be spent for each duty. There shall be a current plan of		
8	operation on fil	e in the facility, available for review by the Division of Health Service Regulation and the county		
9	department of s	ocial services.		
10	(e) Each facili	ty shall assign at least one staff member per shift to provide personal care services and supervision of		
11	residents as nee	ded by the residents. The staff member so assigned shall not perform food service duties during the		
12	shift of renderir	ng care services and supervision. The staff member so assigned shall not perform housekeeping duties		
13	during the shift	of rendering care services and supervision, except:		
14	<u>(1)</u>	between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and then only when the housekeeping duties are		
15		incidental to the rendering of care services; and		
16	(2)	between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and then only to the extent that the housekeeping		
17		duties do not hinder the assigned staff's duties of care or immediate response to residents, nor		
18		impede the assigned staff member's ability to monitor the residents.		
19	(f) There shall	be additional staff to provide daily housekeeping and food service duties.		
20	(g) A cluster of	of facilities, each with capacity or census of 12 or fewer residents, shall comply with the following		
21	staffing:			
22	<u>(1)</u>	When there is a cluster of up to six licensed facilities located adjacently, there shall be at least one		
23		administrator or manager who lives within 500 feet of each of the facilities with a means of two-		
24		way telecommunication at all times.		
25	(2)	The administrator or manager on-duty shall be directly responsible for assuring that all required		
26		daily duties are carried out in each facility.		
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28	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 143B-165;		
29		Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2000;		
30		Eff. July 1, 2000. <u>2000;</u>		

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1	10A NCAC 13F.	0607 is proposed for adoption as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 13F	.0607 STAFFING FOR FACILITIES WITH A CENSUS OF 13 TO 20 RESIDENTS
4	(a) In a facility w	rith a census of greater than 12 but less than 21 residents, there shall be an administrator or manager
5	in the facility or v	within 500 feet of the facility with a means of two-way telecommunication at all times.
6	(b) When the adm	ninistrator or manager is not on duty within the facility, there shall be at least one awake staff member
7	on duty on the fir	st, second, and third shifts.
8	(c) When the ad	ministrator or manager is on duty within the facility, another staff member (i.e. co-administrator.
9	manager or aide)	shall be in the building or within 500 feet of the facility with a means of two-way telecommunication
10	at all times and av	vailable to assist if needed.
11	(d) Each facility	shall assign at least one staff member per shift to provide personal care services and supervision of
12	residents as neede	ed by the residents. The staff member so assigned shall not perform food service duties during the
13	shift of rendering	care services and supervision. The staff member so assigned shall not perform housekeeping duties
14	during the shift of	f rendering care services and supervision, except;
15	<u>(1)</u>	between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and then only when the housekeeping duties are
16		incidental to the rendering of care services; and
17	(2)	between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., and then only to the extent that the housekeeping
18		duties do not hinder the assigned staff's duties of care or immediate response to residents, nor
19		impede the assigned staff member's ability to monitor the residents.
20	(e) There shall be	e additional staff to provide daily housekeeping and food service duties.
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22	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 143B-165;
23		Eff. September 1, 2024.

1 10A NCAC 13F .0608 is proposed for adoption as follows: 2 3 10A NCAC 13F .0608 STAFFING FOR FACILITIES WITH A CENSUS OF 21 OR MORE RESIDENTS 4 (a) Each facility with a census of 21 or more residents shall have staff on duty to meet the needs of the residents. (b) In addition to the requirement in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, each facility with a census of 21 or more residents 5 6 shall comply with the following staffing requirements: 7 On first shift and second shift, the total aide duty hours shall be at least: 8 16 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 21 to 40 residents. 9 (B) 20 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 41 to 50 residents. 10 24 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 51 to 60 residents. (C) 11 (D) 28 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 61 to 70 residents. 32 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 71 to 80 residents. 12 (E) 13 (F) 36 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 81 to 90 residents. 40 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 91 to 100 residents. 14 (G) 15 44 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 101 to 110 residents. (H) 48 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 111 to 120 residents. 16 (I) 17 52 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 121 to 130 residents. (J) 56 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 131 to 140 residents. 18 (K) 19 60 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 141 to 150 residents. (L) 20 (M) 64 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 151 to 160 residents. 21 68 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 161 to 170 residents. (N) 22 72 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 171 to 180 residents. (O) 23 (P) 76 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 181 to 190 residents. 80 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 191 to 200 residents. 24 (O) 25 (R) 84 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 201 to 210 residents. 26 (S) 88 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 211 to 220 residents. 27 (T) 92 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 221 to 230 residents. 28 96 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 231 to 240 residents. 29 On third shift, the total aide duty hours shall be at least: (2) 30 (A) 8 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 21 to 30 residents. 16 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 31 to 60 residents. 31 (B) 32 24 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 61 to 90 residents. (C) 32 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 91 to 120 residents. 33 (D) 34 40 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 121 to 150 residents. (E) 35 (F) 48 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 151 to 180 residents. 36 (G) 56 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 181 to 210 residents. 37 (H) 64 hours of aide duty for facilities with a census of 211 to 240 residents.

1	(3) If the Department determines the needs of the residents at a facility are not being met by staffing				
2	requirements of Paragraph (b) of this Rule, the Department shall require the facility to employ staff				
3	to meet the needs of the residents.				
4	(c) The aide shall provide personal care services and supervision needed by the residents.				
5	(d) Aides shall not provide housekeeping duties except:				
6	(1) Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.:				
7	(A) to prevent an accident or injury;				
8	(B) when occasionally attending to an individual resident housekeeping need; and				
9	(C) when the number of aides on duty exceeds the minimum required by Paragraph (a) of this				
10	Rule.				
11	(2) Between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., as long as the housekeeping duties do not:				
12	(A) hinder the aide's care of residents or immediate response to resident calls;				
13	(B) do not disrupt the residents' normal lifestyles and sleeping patterns; and				
14	(C) do not take the aide out of view of where the residents are as the aide shall be prepared to				
15	care for the residents since that remains his or her primary duty.				
16	(e) Aides shall not be assigned food service duties except when providing assistance to individual residents who need				
17	help with eating and carrying plates, trays, or beverages to residents.				
18	(f) In addition to the staffing required for management and aide duties, there shall be additional staff to perform				
19	housekeeping and food service duties.				
20	Note: The following chart illustrates the required aide, supervisory and management staffing requirements for each				
21	eight-hour shift in facilities with a census of 21 or more residents according to Rules .0602, .0603, .0604, .0608, and				
22	.0609 of this Section.				
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Census	Position Type	First Shift	Second Shift	Third Shift
21 20	<u>Aide</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>21 - 30</u>	Supervisor	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
	<u>Administrator</u>	In the building	, or within 500 feet and	immediately available.
	<u>Aide</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>31-40</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>8*</u>	<u>8*</u>	In the building, or within 500 feet and immediately available.**
	<u>Administrator</u>		On call	
	<u>Aide</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>41-50</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>8*</u>	<u>8*</u>	In the building, or within 500 feet and immediately available.**
	<u>Administrator</u>		On call	
	<u>Aide</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>51-60</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>8*</u>	<u>8*</u>	In the building, or within 500 feet and immediately available.**

	Administrator		On call	
	Aide	28	28	24
<u>61-70</u>	Supervisor	<u>8*</u>	<u>8*</u>	4 hours within the facility/4 hours within 500 feet and immediately available.**
	Administrator		On call	<u></u>
	Aide	32	32	24
<u>71-80</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	8	<u>8</u>	4 hours within the facility/4 hours within 500 feet and immediately available.**
	Administrator		On call	<u>avanaoie.</u>
	Aide	36	36	24
<u>81-90</u>	Supervisor	8	8	4 hours within the facility/4 hours within 500 feet and immediately available.**
	<u>Administrator</u>	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Wh	en not in facility, on call.
	<u>Aide</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>91-100</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8**</u>
	<u>Administrator</u>	5 days/week: Mii	nimum of 40 hours. Wh	en not in facility, on call.
	<u>Aide</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>101-110</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8**</u>
	<u>Administrator</u>	*		en not in facility, on call.
	<u>Aide</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>111-120</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8**</u>
	Administrator	5 days/week: Minimum of 40 hours. When not in facility, on call.		
	Aide	<u>52</u>	<u>52</u>	40
	Supervisor	<u>32</u> 8	<u> </u>	8
121-130	Administrator	<u>~</u>	<u>~</u>	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	56	56	40
131-140	Supervisor	8	<u> </u>	8
131 110	Administrator			en not in facility, on call
	Aide	60	60	40
<u>141-150</u>	Supervisor	8	8	8
	Administrator		_	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	<u>64</u>	<u>64</u>	48
<u>151-160</u>	Supervisor	16	16	8
	Administrator	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Wh	en not in facility, on call.
	Aide	<u>68</u>	<u>68</u>	48
<u>161-170</u>	Supervisor	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	8
	Administrator	5 days/week: Mii	nimum of 40 hours. Wh	en not in facility, on call.
	<u>Aide</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	48
<u>171-180</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>Administrator</u>	5 days/week: Mir	nimum of 40 hours. Wh	en not in facility, on call.
	<u>Aide</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>56</u>
<u>181-190</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>Administrator</u>	5 days/week: Min	nimum of 40 hours. Wh	en not in facility, on call.
	<u>Aide</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>56</u>
<u>191-200</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>

	<u>Administrator</u>	5 days/week: Mir	nimum of 40 hours. Wh	en not in facility, on call.
201-210	<u>Aide</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>56</u>
	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>
	Administrator	5 days/week: Minimum of 40 hours. When not in facility, on call.		
211-220	<u>Aide</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>64</u>
	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>Administrator</u>	5 days/week: Minimum of 40 hours. When not in facility, on call.		
221-230	<u>Aide</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>64</u>
	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>Administrator</u>	5 days/week: Minimum of 40 hours. When not in facility, on call.		
231-240	<u>Aide</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>64</u>
	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>Administrator</u>	5 days/week: Minimum of 40 hours. When not in facility, on call.		

^{2 *}Supervisor may conduct up to four hours of aide duty.

5 History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 143B-165;

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^{3 **} Supervisor's time on duty in the facility may be counted as required aide duty if the facility is sprinklered.

1	10A NCAC 13F .0609 is adopted as published in 38:11 NCR 662-677 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 13F .0609 PERSONAL CARE AIDE SUPERVISORS
4	(a) The personal care aide supervisor shall be responsible for the direct supervision of personal care aides, including
5	those who administer medications, to assure that care and services are provided to residents by personal care aides in
6	in accordance with their training, the facility's policies and procedures, the licensure rules of this Subchapter, and
7	$Chapter\ 131D\ of\ the\ general\ statutes.\ The\ personal\ care\ aide\ supervisor\ shall\ also\ be\ responsible\ for\ observing\ personal\ shall\ also\ obse$
8	care aides in the performance of their duties; instructing, correcting, and consulting with aides as needed; and
9	reviewing documentation by aides.
10	(b) During the first and second shifts in facilities with a census of 31 or more [residents] residents, and on third shift
11	in facilities with a census of 91 or more residents, the facility shall have supervisors on-duty during each shift as
12	<u>follows:</u>
13	(1) One [supervisor,] supervisor on duty in the facility for less than 64 hours of aide duty per shift.
14	(2) Two supervisors for 64 to less than 96 hours of aide duty per shift.
15	(3) Three supervisors for 96 to less than 128 hours of aide duty per shift.
16	(c) Supervisors shall not provide hours of aide duty while servicing as a supervisor except as follows:
17	(1) On third [shift, in facilities with a census of 31 to 120 residents and a sprinkler fire suppression
18	system.
19	(2) On first and second shifts, up to four hours, in facilities with a census of 31 to 70 residents.
20	(3) On first and second [shifts] shifts, in facilities with a census of 71 or more residents in which some
21	personal care duties are [performed] performed, but [however]the time involved in performing any
22	personal care cannot be counted as required aide hours.
23	(d) On third [shift] shift, in facilities with a census of 31 to 60 residents, the supervisor shall be in the facility or within
24	500 feet and immediately available, as defined in Rule .0608 of this Section.
25	(e) On third [shift] shift, in facilities with a census of 61 to 90 residents, the supervisor shall be on duty in the facility
26	for at least four hours and within 500 feet and immediately available, as defined in Rule .0608 of this Section, for the
27	remaining four hours.
28	(f) The supervisor on duty shall not serve simultaneously as the administrator but may serve simultaneously as the
29	manager in the absence of the administrator.
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31	History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.3; 131D-4.5; 143B-165;
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