

Licensing of Overnight Respite Services Rules
 Adoption – 10A NCAC 13E – Public Comments
 Comment Period 9/15/16 – 11/14/16

Commenter	Comment Summary
<p>NC Academy of Physician Assistants</p>	<p>Technical correction to remove apostrophe so it reads “physician assistant.” in rule 13E .0601(d).</p> <p>For the following rules, amend these to include PA’s. Nothing in S.L. 2015-241 prevents PAs from carrying out these duties, and the duties are within the PA’s scope of practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13E .0312(g) • 13E .0601(b) • 13E .0602(k)(1.) • 13E .0703(a) • 13E .0803(f) • 13E .0805(a) and (c) • 13E .0901(b) <p>As there are more healthcare consumers, this will exacerbate the already increasing physician shortage resulting in the reliance on healthcare professionals such as PAs. There are over 5000 PAs practicing in NC with that number expected to grow. They are found working in virtually every medical and surgical setting. In this ever changing health care environment, it is essential that all of our state’s health care providers are practicing to the fullest extent of their license.</p>

Agency’s Consideration of Comments for Overnight Respite Services Rules Adoptions:

Instead of amending the rules to only include physician assistant, non-physician practitioner was added. This change allows non-physician practitioners to carry out duties within the overnight respite program when duties are within their scope of practice.