

10A NCAC 14C .1704 SUPPORT SERVICES

(a) An applicant that proposes to acquire a heart-lung bypass machine shall demonstrate that the following services will be available in the facility 24 hours per day, 7 days per week:

- (1) electrocardiography laboratory and testing services, including stress testing and continuous cardiogram monitoring;
- (2) echocardiography service;
- (3) blood gas laboratory;
- (4) nuclear medicine laboratory;
- (5) pulmonary function unit;
- (6) staffed blood bank;
- (7) hematology laboratory or coagulation laboratory;
- (8) microbiology laboratory; and
- (9) clinical pathology laboratory with facilities for blood chemistry.

(b) An applicant that proposes to develop open-heart surgery services shall demonstrate that the following services will be available in the facility 24 hours per day, 7 days per week:

- (1) a dedicated cardiac surgical intensive care unit;
- (2) for facilities performing pediatric open heart surgery services, a pediatric intensive care unit that will be a distinct intensive care unit and will meet the requirements of 10A NCAC 14C .1300;
- (3) an emergency department with full-time director, staffed for cardiac emergencies with acute coronary suspect surveillance area and voice communication linkage to the ambulance service and the coronary care unit; and
- (4) cardiac catheterization services including both diagnostic and interventional cardiac catheterization capabilities.

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