

10A NCAC 13C .0202 REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF LICENSE

(a) Upon application for a license from a facility never before licensed, a representative of the Department shall make an inspection of that facility. Every building, institution or establishment for which a license has been issued shall be inspected for compliance with the rules found in this Subchapter. An ambulatory surgery facility shall be deemed to meet licensure requirements if the ambulatory surgery facility is accredited by The Joint Commission (formerly known as "JCAHO"), AAAHC or AAAASF. Accreditation does not exempt a facility from statutory or rule requirements for licensure nor does it prohibit the Department from conducting inspections as provided in this Rule to determine compliance with all requirements.

(b) If the applicant has been issued a Certificate of Need and is found to be in compliance with the Rules found in this Subchapter, then the Department shall issue a license to expire on December 31 of each year.

(c) The Department shall be notified at the time of:

- (1) any change of the owner or operator;
- (2) any change of location;
- (3) any change as to a lease; and
- (4) any transfer, assignment or other disposition or change of ownership or control of 20 percent or more of the capital stock or voting rights thereunder of a corporation which is the operator or owner of an ambulatory surgical facility, or any transfer, assignment, or other disposition of the stock or voting rights thereunder of such corporation which results in the ownership or control of more than 20 percent of the stock or voting rights thereunder of such corporation by any person.

A new application shall be submitted to the Department in the event of such a change or changes.

(d) The Department shall not grant a license until the plans and specifications which are stated in Section .1400 of this Subchapter, covering the construction of new buildings, additions, or material alterations to existing buildings are approved by the Department.

(e) The facility design and construction shall be in accordance with the licensure rules for ambulatory surgical facilities found in this Subchapter, the North Carolina State Building Code, and local municipal codes.

(f) Submission of Plans.

- (1) Before construction is begun, plans and specifications covering construction of the new buildings, alterations, renovations or additions to existing buildings, shall be submitted to the Division for approval.
- (2) The Division shall review the plans and notify the licensee that said buildings, alterations, additions, or changes are approved or disapproved. If plans are disapproved the Division shall give the applicant notice of deficiencies identified by the Division.
- (3) In order to avoid unnecessary expense in changing final plans, as a preliminary step, proposed plans in schematic form shall be reviewed by the Division.
- (4) The plans shall include a plot plan showing the size and shape of the entire site and the location of all existing and proposed facilities.
- (5) Plans shall be submitted in duplicate. The Division shall distribute a copy to the Department of Insurance for review of the North Carolina State Building Code requirements if required by the North Carolina State Building Code which is incorporated by reference, including all subsequent amendments. Copies of the code may be purchased from the International Code Council online at <http://www.iccsafe.org/Store/Pages/default.aspx> at a cost of five hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$527.00) or accessed electronically free of charge at http://www.ecodes.biz/ecodes_support/Free_Resources/2012NorthCarolina/12NorthCarolina_main.html.

(g) To qualify for licensure or license renewal, each facility must provide to the Division, upon application, an attestation statement in a form provided by the Division verifying compliance with the requirements defined in Rule .0301(d) of this Subchapter.

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