

1 10A NCAC13P .1401 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13P .1401 CHEMICAL ADDICTION OR ABUSE ~~TREATMENT~~ RECOVERY PROGRAM**
4 **REQUIREMENTS**

5 (a) The OEMS shall provide a ~~treatment~~ monitoring program for aiding in the recovery ~~and rehabilitation~~ of EMS
6 personnel subject to disciplinary action for being unable to perform as credentialed EMS personnel with reasonable
7 skill and safety to patients and the public by reason of use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or any other type of material
8 as set forth in Rule ~~.1507(b)(9)~~ .1507 of this Subchapter.

9 (b) This program requires:

- 10 (1) an initial assessment by a healthcare professional ~~specialized~~ specializing in chemical dependency
11 approved by the ~~treatment~~ program;
- 12 (2) a treatment plan developed ~~by the healthcare professional described in Subparagraph (b)(1) of this~~
13 Rule by a healthcare professional specializing in chemical dependency for the individual using the
14 findings of the initial assessment; assessment. The Department and individual will enter into a
15 consent agreement based up on the treatment plan; and
- 16 ~~(3) random body fluid screenings using a standardized methodology designed by OEMS program staff~~
17 ~~to ensure reliability in verifying compliance with program standards;~~
- 18 ~~(4) the individual attend three self help recovery meetings each week for the first year of participation,~~
19 ~~and two each week for the remainder of participation in the treatment program;~~
- 20 ~~(5)(3) monitoring by OEMS program staff of the individual for compliance with the ~~treatment program;~~~~
21 consent agreement entered into by the Department and the individual entering the program.
- 22 ~~(6) written progress reports, shall be made available for review by OEMS upon completion of the initial~~
23 ~~assessment of the treatment program, upon request by OEMS throughout the individual's~~
24 ~~participation in the treatment program, and upon completion of the treatment program. Written~~
25 ~~progress reports shall include:~~
- 26 (A) ~~progress or response to treatment and when the individual is safe to return to practice;~~
- 27 (B) ~~compliance with program criteria;~~
- 28 (C) ~~a summary of established long term program goals; and~~
- 29 (D) ~~contain pertinent medical, laboratory, and psychiatric records with a focus on chemical~~
30 ~~dependency.~~

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32 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 131E-159(f); 143-508(b); 143-508(d)(10);*
33 *Eff. October 1, 2010;*
34 *Readopted Eff. January 1, 2017. 2017;*
35 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2021.*