

1 10A NCAC 13K .1210 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13K .1210 OTHER HOSPICE INPATIENT REQUIREMENTS**

4 (a) ~~In general patient areas, each room shall be served by at least one calling station and each bed shall be provided~~  
5 ~~with a call button. Two call buttons serving adjacent beds may be served by one calling station. Calls shall register~~  
6 ~~with the floor staff and shall activate a visible signal in the corridor at the patient's or resident's door. In multi-corridor~~  
7 ~~nursing units, additional visible signals shall be installed at corridor intersections. In rooms containing two or more~~  
8 ~~calling stations, indicating lights shall be provided at each station. Nurses' calling systems which provide two-way~~  
9 ~~voice communication shall be equipped with an indicating light at each calling station which lights and remains lighted~~  
10 ~~as long as the voice circuit is operating. A nurses' call emergency button shall be provided for patients' use at each~~  
11 ~~patient toilet, bath, and shower room. A nurses' calling system shall be provided:~~

12 (1) in each patient bedroom for each patient bed. The call system activator shall be such that they can  
13 be activated with a single action and remain on until deactivated by staff at the point of origin. The  
14 call system activator shall be within reach of a patient lying on the bed. In rooms containing two or  
15 more call system activators, indicating lights shall be provided at each calling station;

16 (2) nurses' calling systems which provide two-way voice communication shall be equipped with an  
17 indicating light at each calling station which lights and remains lighted as long as the voice circuit  
18 is operating;

19 (3) a nurses' call emergency activator shall be proved at each patients' use toilet fixture, bath, and  
20 shower. The call system activator shall be accessible to a patient lying on the floor; and

21 (4) calls shall register with the floor staff and shall activate a visible signal in the corridor at the patient's  
22 door. In multi-corridor units, additional visible signals shall be installed at corridor intersections.

23 (b) At least one telephone shall be available in each area to which patients are admitted and additional telephones or  
24 extensions as are necessary to ensure availability in case of need.

25 (c) General outdoor lighting shall be provided adequate to illuminate walkways and drive.

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27 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-202;*

28 *Eff. June 1, 1991;*

29 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December*  
30 *22, 2018, 2018;*

31 *Amended Eff. October 1, 2021.*