

1 10A NCAC 14C .3801 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **SECTION .3800 - CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL BEDS**

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5 **10A NCAC 14C .3801 DEFINITIONS**

6 ~~The following definitions shall apply to all Rules in this Section:~~

- 7 (1) ~~"Acute care beds" means acute care beds licensed by the Division of Health Service Regulation in~~  
8 ~~accordance with standards in 10A NCAC 13B .6200, and located in hospitals licensed pursuant to~~  
9 ~~G.S. 131E-79.~~
- 10 (2) ~~"Average daily census" means the number of days of inpatient acute care provided in licensed acute~~  
11 ~~care beds in a given year divided by 365 days.~~
- 12 (3) ~~"Campus" shall have the same meaning as defined in G.S. 131E-176(2c).~~
- 13 (4) ~~"Service Area" means the single or multi county area as used in the development of the acute care~~  
14 ~~bed need determination in the applicable State Medical Facilities Plan.~~

15 The following definitions shall apply to this Section:

- 16 (1) "Applicant hospital" means the hospital where the applicant proposes to develop the new acute care  
17 beds and includes all campuses on one license.
- 18 (2) "Approved beds" means acute care beds in a hospital that were issued a certificate of need but are  
19 not licensed as of the application deadline for the review period.
- 20 (3) "Average daily census (ADC)" means the total number of acute care days of care provided during  
21 a full fiscal year of operation divided by 365 days.
- 22 (4) "Existing beds" means acute care beds in a hospital that are licensed as of the application deadline  
23 for the review period.
- 24 (5) "Hospital system" means all hospitals in the proposed service area owned or operated by the  
25 applicant or a related entity.
- 26 (6) "Occupancy rate" means the ADC divided by the total number of existing, approved and proposed  
27 acute care hospital beds.
- 28 (7) "Proposed beds" means the acute care beds proposed to be developed in a hospital in the application  
29 under review.
- 30 (8) "Qualified applicant" shall have the same meaning as defined in the annual State Medical Facilities  
31 Plan in effect as of the first day of the review period.
- 32 (9) "Service area" shall have the same meaning as defined in the annual State Medical Facilities Plan  
33 in effect as of the first day of the review period.
- 34 (10) "Target occupancy percentage" means:
- 35 (a) 66.7 percent if the ADC is less than 100;
- 36 (b) 71.4 percent if the ADC is 100 to 200;
- 37 (c) 75.2 percent if the ADC is 201 to 399; or

1                    (d) 78.0 percent if the ADC is greater than 400.

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