

1 10A NCAC 13S .0326 is adopted with changes as published in 38:24 NCR 1617-1623 as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13S .0326 EMERGENCY BACK-UP SERVICES**

4 (a) Each clinic shall have a written plan for the transfer of emergency cases from the clinic to the closest hospital  
5 when hospitalization becomes necessary. ~~Emergency case is defined as a condition manifesting itself by acute  
6 symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that the absence of immediate medical attention could  
7 reasonably be expected to result in placing the individual's health in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily  
8 functions, or serious dysfunction of bodily organs.~~

9 (b) The clinic shall have written protocols, personnel, and equipment to handle medical emergencies as defined above  
10 which may arise in connection with services provided by the clinic.

11 (c) All clinics shall have written emergency case instructions for clinic staff to carry out in the event of an emergency.  
12 All clinic personnel shall have access to and be familiar and capable of carrying out the clinic's written emergency  
13 case instructions:

14 (1) Instructions shall be followed in the event of an emergency, any untoward unexpected anesthetic,  
15 medical or procedural complications, or other conditions making transfer to an emergency department  
16 and/or hospitalization of a patient necessary.

17 (2) The instructions shall include arrangements for immediate contact of emergency medical services when  
18 indicated and when advanced cardiac life support is needed.

19 (3) When emergency medical services are not indicated, the instructions shall include procedures for timely  
20 escort of the patient to the hospital or to an appropriate licensed health care professional.

21 (d) The clinic shall provide intervention for emergency ~~situations.~~ cases. These provisions shall include:

22 (1) basic cardio-pulmonary life support;

23 (2) emergency protocols instructions for:

24 (A) administration of intravenous fluids;

25 (B) establishing and maintaining airway support;

26 (C) oxygen administration;

27 (D) utilizing a bag-valve-mask resuscitator with oxygen reservoir; and

28 (E) utilizing an automated external defibrillator.

29 (3) emergency lighting available in the procedure room as set forth in Rule .0212 of this Subchapter;  
30 and

31 (4) ultrasound equipment.

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33 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 131E-153; 131E-153.5; 143B-165.

34 Eff. October 1, 2024.

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