

1 10A NCAC 13D .2303 is proposed for readoption as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13D .2303 NURSE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS**

4 (a) The facility shall provide licensed nursing staff sufficient to accomplish the following:

5 (1) patient needs assessment;

6 (2) patient care planning; and

7 (3) supervisory functions in accordance with the levels of patient care advertised or offered by the
8 facility.

9 (b) A facility must have sufficient nursing staff to provide nursing and related services to attain or maintain the
10 physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each patient, as determined by patient assessments and individual
11 plans of care.

12 (c) A multi-storied facility shall have at least one nurse aide on duty on each patient care floors at all times.

13 (d) Except for designated units with higher staffing requirements noted elsewhere in this Subchapter, daily direct
14 patient care nursing staff, licensed and unlicensed, shall include:

15 (1) at least one licensed nurse on duty for direct patient care at all times; and

16 (2) a registered nurse for at least eight consecutive hours a day, seven days a week. This coverage
17 may be spread over more than one shift if such a need exists. The director of nursing may be counted
18 as meeting the requirements for both the director of nursing and patient staffing for facilities with a
19 total census of 60 nursing beds or less.

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