

SECTION .3400 - MECHANICAL: ELECTRICAL: PLUMBING

10A NCAC 13D .3401 HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

(a) A facility shall provide heating and cooling systems complying with the following:

- (1) The American National Standards Institute and American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers Standard 170: Ventilation of Health Care Facilities, which is incorporated by reference, including all subsequent amendments and editions, and may be accessed online free of charge at http://www.techstreet.com/ashrae/lists.ashrae_standards.tmpl. This incorporation does not apply to Section 7.1, Table 7-1 Design Temperature for Skilled Nursing Facility. The environmental temperature control systems shall be capable of maintaining temperatures in the facility at 71 degrees F. minimum in the heating season and a maximum of 81 degrees F. during the non-heating season; and
- (2) The National Fire Protection Association 90A: Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems, which is incorporated by reference, including all subsequent amendments and editions, and may be accessed online free of charge at <http://www.nfpa.org/aboutthecodes/AboutTheCodes.asp?DocNum=90A>.

(b) In a facility, the windows in dining, activity and living spaces, and bedrooms shall be openable from the inside. To inhibit patient and resident elopement from any window, the facility may restrict the window opening to a six-inch opening.

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