



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 16, 2026

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Shanah Black, Rule Review Manager *SFB*

**RE:** Proposed Readoption of Rules for Mammogram and Pap Smear Certification

GS 150B-21.2 requires a rule-making body to notify certain individuals of its intent to adopt a rule. It also requires notification of the date, time and location of the public hearing on the rule and any fiscal analysis that has been prepared in connection with the proposed rule. There are 2 rules in this rulemaking action. With input from advisory committees, working groups of the N.C. Medical Care Commission and stakeholders, no changes were made to these rules. These rules are required in the Administrative Code pursuant to G.S. 150B-165.

The N.C. Medical Care Commission has submitted form OAH 0300 to the Codifier of Rules, Office of Administrative Hearings, indicating its intent to proceed with the following rule-making actions:

10A NCAC 13M Mammogram and Pap Smear Certification

10A NCAC 13M .0101	State Certification For Laboratories Conducting Pap Smears (Readopt)
10A NCAC 13M .0201	State Certification of Screening Mammography Services (Readopt)

The Office of State Budget and Management stated the updates in these rules did not constitute the need for a fiscal note pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A(d)(2), the rules amended will impose a less stringent burden on regulated persons.

The proposed rule text is attached to this memo. The rules were published in today's March 16, 2026 edition of the N.C. Register which can be found at the Office of Administrative Hearings web site at <https://www.oah.nc.gov/rules-division/north-carolina-register>.

A public hearing is scheduled for April 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 02210, Department of Health and Human Services Headquarters, 1915 Health Service Ways, Raleigh, NC 27607. Ms. Shanah Black, DHSR Rule-Review Manager, is accepting public comments on these rules from March 16, 2026, through May 15, 2026, close of business. Comments will also be accepted in person at the public hearing. The proposed effective date of these rules is October 1, 2026.

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A copy of the proposed rules and instructions for submitting comment can be found at the Division of Health Service Regulation web site at <https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ruleactions.html>.

Please feel free to contact the Division of Health Service Regulation at (919) 855-3750, should you have questions related to this memorandum or the proposed rule text and fiscal note.

Enclosures

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