

1 10A NCAC 13D .3404 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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4 (a) In general patient areas of a facility, each room shall be served by at least one calling station and each bed shall
5 be provided with a call button. Two call buttons serving adjacent beds may be served by one calling station. Calls
6 shall register with the floor staff and shall activate a visible signal in the corridor at the patient's or resident's door.
7 ~~In~~ On multi-corridor nursing units, additional visible signals shall be installed at corridor intersections. In rooms
8 containing two or more calling stations, indicating lights shall be provided at each station. Nurses' calling systems
9 ~~which that~~ provide two-way voice communication shall be equipped with an indicating light at each calling station
10 ~~which that~~ lights and remains lighted as long as the voice circuit is operating. A nurses' call emergency button shall
11 be provided for patients' and residents' use at each patient and resident toilet, bath, and shower.

12 (b) ~~At least one telephone shall be available in each area to which patients are admitted and additional telephones or~~
13 ~~extensions as are necessary to ensure availability in case of need.~~ A facility shall provide:

14 (1) at least one telephone located to be accessible by patients, residents and families for making local
15 phone calls; and

16 (2) cordless telephones or telephone jacks in patient and resident rooms to allow access to a telephone
17 by patients and residents when needed.

18 (c) ~~General outdoor~~ Outdoor lighting shall be provided ~~adequate~~ to illuminate walkways and ~~drive~~. drives.

19 (d) A flow of hot water shall be within safety ranges specified as follows:

20 (1) Patient Areas - 6 1/2 gallons per hour per bed and at a temperature of 100 to 116 degrees F; and

21 (2) Dietary Services - 4 gallons per hour per bed and at a minimum temperature of 140 degrees F; and

22 (3) Laundry Area - 4 1/2 gallons per hour per bed and at a minimum temperature of 140 degrees F.

23 ~~(e) Plumbing systems shall meet the requirements of the North Carolina State Building Code, Plumbing Code.~~

24 ~~(f)(e)~~ If provided in a facility, Medical medical gas and vacuum systems shall be installed, tested, and maintained in
25 accordance with the National Fire Protection Association Health Care Facilities Code, NFPA 99, Code 99 current
26 ~~addition with all subsequent amendments, which is adopted by reference.~~ which is incorporated by reference,
27 including all subsequent amendments and editions. Copies of this code may be ~~obtained~~ purchased for a cost of
28 \$61.50 from the National Fire Protection Association, Association online at <http://www.nfpa.org/catalog/> or
29 accessed electronically free of charge at <http://www.nfpa.org/aboutthecodes/AboutTheCodes.asp?DocNum=99>. 4
30 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269 74719101. at a cost of thirty one dollars (\$31.00).

31 ~~(g) The Administrator shall assure that isolation facilities are available and used for any patient admitted or retained~~
32 ~~with a communicable disease.~~

33 ~~(h)(f)~~ Each facility shall have a control ~~system or procedure~~ mechanism and staff ~~procedures to aid staff in the~~
34 ~~supervision of~~ for monitoring and managing patients who wander or are disoriented. The control mechanism shall
35 include egress alarms and any of the following:

36 (1) an electronic locking system;

37 (2) manual locks; and

1 (3) staff supervision.

2 This requirement ~~shall apply~~ applies to new and existing facilities.

3 (g) Sections of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, NFPA 101, 2012 edition listed in this
4 Paragraph are adopted by reference. Copies of this code may be purchased for a cost of \$93.00 from the National
5 Fire Protection Association online at <http://www.nfpa.org/catalog/> or accessed electronically free of charge at
6 <http://www.nfpa.org/aboutthecodes/AboutTheCodes.asp?DocNum=101>.

7 (1) 18.2.3.4 with requirements for projections into the means of egress corridor width of wheeled
8 equipment and fixed furniture;

9 (2) 18.3.2.5 with requirements for the installation of cook tops, ovens and ranges in rooms and areas
10 open to the corridors;

11 (3) 18.5.2.3(2), (3) and (4) with requirements for the installation of direct-vent gas and solid fuel-
12 burning fireplaces in smoke compartments; and

13 (4) 18.7.5.6 with requirements for the installation of combustible decorations on walls, doors and
14 ceilings.

15 Smoke compartments where the requirements of these Sections are applied must be protected throughout by an
16 approved automatic sprinkler system. For the purposes of this Rule, a “smoke compartments” are spaces within a
17 building enclosed by smoke barriers on all sides, including the top and bottom as indicated in NFPA 101, 2012
18 edition. Where these Sections are less stringent than requirements of the North Carolina State Building Codes, the
19 requirements of the North Carolina State Building Codes shall apply. Where these Sections are more stringent than
20 the North Carolina State Building Codes, the requirements of these Sections shall apply.

21 (h) Ovens, ranges, cook tops and hot plates located in rooms or areas accessible by patients or residents shall not
22 be used by patients or residents except under facility staff supervision. The degree of staff supervision shall be
23 based on the facility's assessment of the capabilities of each patient and resident.

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25 *History Note:* Authority ~~G.S. 131E-104; G.S. 131E-102; G.S. 131E-104;~~

26 Eff. January 1, ~~1996.~~ 1996;

27 Amended Eff.

