

1 10A NCAC 14L .0201 is proposed for adoption as follows:  
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3 **SECTION .0200 –STROKE CENTER DESIGNATION**

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5 **10A NCAC 14L .0201 STROKE CENTER DESIGNATION REQUIREMENTS**

6 (a) The Department shall designate hospitals licensed by the Division of Health Service Regulation pursuant to G.S.  
7 131E-78.5 as certified “Designated Stroke Centers,” as defined in Rule .0101(7) of this Section, upon receipt of  
8 evidence provided by the hospital as defined in Paragraph (b) of this Rule that the hospital has received Primary or  
9 Comprehensive Stroke Center certification by any of the following:

- 10 (1) the “Joint Commission,” “American Heart Association,” and “American Stroke Association”  
11 Comprehensive Stroke Center, Disease Specific Certification Program; “Healthcare Facilities  
12 Accreditation Program” (HFAP);  
13 (2) “Det Norske Veritas” (DNV); or  
14 (3) other nationally recognized hospital certifying body as determined by the Department.

15 (b) Hospitals designated as a Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Center shall notify the Office of Emergency  
16 Medical Services within 90 days of certification of the following information:

- 17 (1) the name of the accrediting organization issuing certification to the hospital;  
18 (2) the date of certification;  
19 (3) the level of certification (Primary or Comprehensive);  
20 (4) the date of renewal of the certification; and  
21 (5) the name and phone number of the primary contact person at the hospital who is responsible for  
22 obtaining the certification.

23 (c) The Department shall maintain a list of all Primary and Comprehensive Stroke Centers on its Internet website at  
24 <http://www.ncdhhs.nc.gov>.

25 (d) Each designated Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Center shall coordinate the provision of acute stroke care  
26 with other hospitals in their catchment area through written agreements that address the following minimum  
27 requirements:

- 28 (1) transportation of acute stroke patients to the designated Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Center;  
29 and  
30 (2) acceptance of patients initially treated at hospitals incapable of providing appropriate management  
31 of the acute stroke patient.

32 (e) The Office of Emergency Medical Services shall provide written notification annually through email to the  
33 medical directors of each EMS system and EMS provider a list of all Primary and Comprehensive Stroke Centers  
34 contained on the Department’s Internet website.

35 (f) Hospitals shall notify the Office of Emergency Medical Services within 30 days of any change to the hospital’s  
36 Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Center certification.

1 (g) Hospitals that have received a conditional certification are ineligible for designation by the Department as a  
2 Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Center until the hospital receives Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Center  
3 certification by the accrediting body issuing the certification.

4 (h) Hospitals that fail to maintain certification shall be removed from the Department’s Internet website by the  
5 Office of Emergency Medical Services within 30 days following receipt of written notification from the affected  
6 hospital.

7 (i) Non-certified hospitals shall not advertise or utilize signage representing the hospital as a Primary or  
8 Comprehensive Stroke Center if the hospital has not received that designation by the Department.

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10 *History Note: Authority 143B-10; 131E-78.5;*

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