

1 10A NCAC 14L .0201 is adopted with changes as published in 29:07 NCR, pp. 733-735 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)~~ .0101(8) of this ~~Section,~~
8 Subchapter, upon receipt of evidence provided by the hospital as defined in Paragraph (b) of this Rule that the
9 hospital has received Primary or Comprehensive Stroke ~~Center~~ Center, or Acute Stroke Ready certification or by
10 any of the following:

- 11 (1) the “Joint Commission,” “American Heart Association,” and “American Stroke Association”
12 Comprehensive Stroke Center, Disease Specific Certification Program; ~~“Healthcare Facilities~~
13 ~~Accreditation Program”~~ (HFAP);
14 (2) “Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program” (HFAP);
15 ~~(2) (3)~~ (3) “Det Norske Veritas” (DNV); or
16 ~~(3) (4)~~ (4) other nationally recognized hospital certifying body as determined by the Department.

17 (b) Hospitals designated as a Primary or Comprehensive Stroke ~~Center~~ Center, or Acute Stroke Ready shall notify
18 the Office of Emergency Medical Services within 90 days of certification of the following information:

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

26 (c) The Department shall maintain a list of all Primary and Comprehensive Stroke ~~Centers~~ Centers, and Acute
27 Stroke Ready Hospitals on its ~~Internet~~ website at ~~http://www.ncdhhs.nc.gov.~~ http://www.ncdhhs.gov.

28 (d) Each designated Primary or Comprehensive Stroke ~~Center~~ Center, or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital shall
29 coordinate the provision of acute stroke care with other hospitals in their catchment area through written agreements
30 that address the following minimum requirements:

- 31 (1) transportation of acute stroke patients to the designated Primary or Comprehensive Stroke ~~Center;~~
32 Center, or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital; and
33 (2) acceptance of patients initially treated at hospitals incapable of providing appropriate management
34 of the acute stroke patient.

35 (e) The Office of Emergency Medical Services shall provide written notification annually through email to the
36 medical directors of each EMS system and EMS provider a list of all Primary and Comprehensive Stroke ~~Centers~~
37 Centers, and Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals contained on the Department’s ~~Internet~~ website.

1 (f) Hospitals shall notify the Office of Emergency Medical Services within 30 days of any change to the hospital's
2 Primary or Comprehensive Stroke ~~Center~~ Center, or Acute Stroke Ready certification.

3 (g) Hospitals that have received a conditional certification are ineligible for designation by the Department as a
4 Primary or Comprehensive Stroke ~~Center~~ Center, or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital until the hospital receives Primary
5 or Comprehensive Stroke ~~Center~~ Center, or Acute Stroke Ready certification by the accrediting body issuing the
6 certification.

7 (h) Hospitals that fail to maintain certification shall be removed from the Department's ~~Internet~~ website by the
8 Office of Emergency Medical Services within 30 days following receipt of written notification from the affected
9 hospital.

10 (i) Non-certified hospitals shall not advertise or utilize signage representing the hospital as a Primary or
11 Comprehensive Stroke ~~Center~~ Center, or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital if the hospital has not received that
12 designation by the Department.

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14 *History Note: Authority 143B-10; 131E-78.5;*
15 *Eff. February 1, 2015.*