

1 10A NCAC 14L .0101 is adopted with changes as published in 29:07 NCR, pp. 733-735 as follows:

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3 **SUBCHAPTER 14L – STROKE CENTER DESIGNATION**

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5 **SECTION .0100 – DEFINITIONS**

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7 **10A NCAC 14L .0101 DEFINITIONS**

8 The following definitions apply throughout this Subchapter:

- 9 (1) “Acute Stroke Care” means the process for the ~~rapid~~ assessment and treatment of patients
10 experiencing an acute cerebrovascular accident.
- 11 ~~(2)~~ (3) “Acute Stroke Ready” means a hospital that has satisfied all requirements for certification as an
12 acute stroke ready hospital from a nationally recognized hospital accrediting organization.
- 13 ~~(2)~~ (3) “Catchment Area” means the geographical area from which a hospital’s patients are drawn.
- 14 ~~(3)~~ (4) “Comprehensive Stroke Care” means ~~state-of-the-art~~ care provided by hospitals that meet or
15 exceed the requirements put forward by nationally-recognized hospital accrediting organizations
16 and have developed the infrastructure, ~~staff~~ staff, and training necessary to receive and treat
17 patients with the most complex stroke cases, including advanced imaging capabilities, 24 hours
18 per day, seven days per ~~week~~ week, with availability of specialized treatments, and staff with the
19 unique education and competencies to care for complex stroke ~~patients~~. patients through the
20 certification process required by accrediting organizations.
- 21 ~~(4)~~ (5) “Comprehensive Stroke Center” means a hospital that has satisfied all requirements for
22 certification from a nationally recognized hospital certifying organization for the provision of
23 comprehensive stroke care.
- 24 ~~(5)~~ (6) “Conditional Designation” means a hospital that is pursuing certification but has not satisfied all
25 certification requirements of the national accrediting body to qualify for ~~Primary Stroke Center or~~
26 Comprehensive Stroke Center ~~Center or Primary Stroke Center or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital~~
27 designation.
- 28 ~~(6)~~ (7) “Department” means the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 29 ~~(7)~~ (8) “Designated Stroke Center” means a hospital that has presented evidence to the Department of
30 current certification by a national accrediting organization as a Comprehensive Stoke Center or
31 Primary Stroke Center. ~~Center or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital.~~
- 32 ~~(8)~~ (9) “Designation” means the recognition by the Department of a hospital’s certification by a
33 nationally recognized hospital certifying organization for the provision of ~~comprehensive or acute~~
34 ~~stroke care~~. stroke care as set forth in (2), (5), and (13) of this Rule.
- 35 ~~(9)~~ (10) “EMS System” means ~~a coordinated arrangement of local resources under the authority of the~~
36 ~~county government (including all agencies, personnel, equipment, and facilities) organized to~~
37 ~~respond to medical emergencies and integrated with other health care providers and networks~~

1 including public health, community health monitoring activities, and special needs populations,
2 those entities that are approved by the Department in accordance with 10A NCAC 13P .0201 of
3 the EMS and Trauma ~~Rules of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission 10A NCAC 13P~~
4 ~~.0201, Rules.~~

5 ~~(10)~~ (11) "EMS Provider" means those entities defined in G.S. 131E-155(13a) that hold a current license
6 issued by the Department pursuant to G.S. 131E-155.1.

7 ~~(11)~~ (12) "Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS)" means a section of the Division of Health
8 Service Regulation of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services located at
9 1201 Umstead Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603.

10 ~~(12)~~ (13) "Primary Stroke Center" means a hospital that has satisfied all requirements for certification from
11 a nationally recognized hospital accrediting organization for the provision of acute stroke care.

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