

1 10A NCAC 13D .2303 is proposed for reoption with changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13D .2303 NURSE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS**

4 (a) ~~The A~~ facility shall provide licensed nursing personnel ~~consistent with applicable occupational regulations and~~
5 sufficient to accomplish the following:

- 6 (1) patient needs assessment;
- 7 (2) patient care planning; and
- 8 (3) supervisory functions in accordance with the levels of patient care advertised or offered by the
9 facility.

10 (b) ~~The A~~ facility must have sufficient nursing staff to provide nursing and related services to attain or maintain the
11 physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each patient, as determined by patient assessments and individual
12 plans of care.

13 (c) A multi-storied facility shall have at least one ~~direct care staff member~~ nurse aide on duty on each patient care
14 floor at all times.

15 (d) Except for designated units with higher staffing requirements noted elsewhere in this Subchapter, daily direct
16 patient care nursing staff, licensed and unlicensed, shall include:

- 17 (1) At least one licensed nurse on duty for direct patient care at all times.
- 18 (2) A registered nurse for at least eight consecutive hours a day, seven days a week. This coverage ~~can~~
19 may be spread over more than one shift if such a need exists. The director of nursing may be counted
20 as meeting the requirements for both the director of nursing and patient staffing for facilities with a
21 total census of 60 nursing beds or less.

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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-104; 131E-114.1;*

24 *Eff. January 1, 1996;*

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