

1 10A NCAC 13P .0301 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13P .0301 SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORT PROGRAM CRITERIA**

4 (a) EMS Providers seeking designation to provide specialty care transports shall submit an application for program
5 approval to the OEMS at least 60 days prior to field implementation. The application shall document that the
6 program has:

- 7 (1) a defined service area that identifies the specific transferring and receiving facilities in which the
8 program is intended to service;
- 9 (2) written policies and procedures implemented for medical oversight meeting the requirements of
10 Section ~~.0400~~; .0400 of this Subchapter;
- 11 (3) Service ~~continuously~~ available on a 24 hour ~~per day a day, seven days a week~~ basis;
- 12 (4) the capability to provide the patient care skills and procedures as specified in "North Carolina
13 College of Emergency Physicians: Standards for Medical Oversight and Data Collection;"
14 Collection," incorporated by reference in accordance with G.S. 150B 21.6, including subsequent
15 amendments and editions. This document is available from the OEMS, 2707 Mail Service Center,
16 Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2707, at no cost;
- 17 (5) a written continuing education program for EMS personnel, under the direction of the Specialty
18 Care Transport Program Continuing Education Coordinator, developed and modified based on
19 feedback from program data, review and evaluation of patient outcomes, and quality management
20 review that follows the ~~guidelines of the~~ criteria set forth in Rule .0501 of this Subchapter;
- 21 (A) ~~"US DOT NHTSA EMT Basic Refresher: National Standard Curriculum" for EMT~~
22 ~~personnel; and~~
- 23 (B) ~~"EMT P and EMT I Continuing Education National Guidelines" for EMT I and EMT P~~
24 ~~personnel.~~
- 25 ~~These documents are incorporated by reference in accordance with G.S. 150B 21.6, including~~
26 ~~subsequent amendments and additions. These documents are available from NHTSA, 400 7th~~
27 ~~Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, at no cost;~~
- 28 (6) a communication system that ~~will provide~~ provides two-way voice communications for
29 transmission of patient information to medical crew members anywhere in the service area of the
30 program. The SCTP medical director shall verify that the communications system is satisfactory
31 for on-line medical direction;
- 32 (7) medical crew members that have ~~all~~ completed training conducted every six months regarding:
- 33 (A) operation of the EMS communications system used in the program; and
34 (B) the medical and patient safety equipment specific to the ~~program. This training shall be~~
35 ~~conducted every six months; program~~;
- 36 (8) written operational protocols for the management of equipment, supplies and medications. These
37 protocols shall include:

- 1 (A) a listing of all standard medical equipment, supplies, and ~~medications~~ medications,
2 approved by the medical director sufficient to manage the anticipated number and
3 severity of injury or illness of the patients, for all vehicles used in the program based on
4 the treatment protocols and approved by ~~the medical director;~~ the OEMS; and
5 (B) a methodology to assure that each ground vehicle and aircraft contains the required
6 equipment, ~~supplies~~ supplies, and medications on each response; and
7 (9) written policies and procedures specifying how EMS Systems will dispatch and utilize the ground
8 ambulances and aircraft operated by the program.

9 (b) When transporting patients, staffing for the ground ambulance and aircraft used in the SCTP shall be approved
10 by the SCTP medical director as medical crew members, using any of the following ~~appropriate for the condition of~~
11 ~~the patient;~~ as determined by the transferring physician to manage the anticipated severity of injury or illness of the
12 patient, who is responsible for the medical aspects of the mission:

- 13 (1) ~~EMT Paramedic;~~ paramedic;
14 (2) nurse practitioner;
15 (3) physician;
16 (4) physician assistant;
17 (5) registered nurse; and
18 (6) respiratory therapist.

19 (c) ~~Specialty Care Transport Programs~~ SCTP as defined in Rule ~~.0102(56)~~ .0102(47) of this Subchapter are exempt
20 from the staffing requirements defined in G.S. 131E-158(a).

21 (d) ~~Specialty Care Transport Program~~ SCTP approval ~~are~~ is valid for a period to coincide with the EMS Provider
22 License, not to exceed six years. Programs shall apply to the OEMS for reapproval.

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24 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 131E-158; 143-508; ~~143-508(d)(1), (d)(8), (d)(9); (d)(13); 143-508(d)(13);~~
25 ~~Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2002;~~
26 ~~Eff. January 1, 2004;~~
27 ~~Amended Eff. January 1, 2004;~~
28 ~~Amended Eff. March 3, 2009 pursuant to E.O. 9, Beverly Perdue, March 3, 2009;~~
29 ~~Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3(c), a bill was not ratified by the General Assembly to disapprove this~~
30 ~~rule; rule;~~
31 Readopted Eff. January 1, 2017.