

1 10A NCAC 13P .0209 is amended with changes as published in 30:24 NCR, pp. 2558-2606, as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13P .0209 AIR MEDICAL AMBULANCE: VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT**
4 **REQUIREMENTS**

5 To be permitted as an Air Medical Ambulance, an aircraft shall meet the following requirements:

- 6 (1) ~~Configuration~~ configuration of the aircraft patient care compartment does not compromise the
7 ability to provide ~~appropriate~~ care or prevent performing in-flight emergency patient care
8 procedures as approved by the program ~~medical director.~~ ~~[director.]~~ Medical Director.
- 9 (2) ~~The~~ the aircraft has ~~on-board~~ on-board patient care equipment and supplies as defined in the
10 treatment protocols for the ~~program.~~ program written by the ~~[medical director]~~ Medical Director
11 and approved by the OEMS. The equipment and supplies shall be clean, in working order, and
12 secured in the ~~aircraft.~~ aircraft;
- 13 (3) ~~There~~ there is installed in the rotary-wing aircraft an internal voice communication system to
14 allow for communication between the medical ~~crew~~ and flight ~~crew.~~ crew;
- 15 (4) ~~The~~ the ~~medical director~~ program Medical Director designates the combination of medical
16 equipment specified in Item (2) of this Rule that is carried on a mission based on anticipated
17 patient care ~~needs.~~ needs;
- 18 (5) ~~The~~ the name of the EMS Provider is permanently displayed on each side of the ~~aircraft.~~ aircraft;
- 19 (6) ~~The~~ the rotary-wing aircraft is equipped with a two-way voice radio licensed by the FCC capable
20 of operation on any frequency required to allow communications with public safety agencies such
21 as fire departments, police departments, ambulance and rescue units, hospitals, and local
22 government ~~agencies~~ agencies, within the service ~~area.~~ area;
- 23 (7) ~~In~~ in addition to equipment required by applicable air worthiness certificates and Federal Aviation
24 Regulations ~~(FAA Part 91 or 135),~~ 14 CFR Part 91 and Part 135 which are herein incorporated by
25 reference, including all subsequent amendments and editions, any rotary-wing aircraft permitted
26 ~~has~~ shall have the following functioning equipment to help ensure the safety of patients, crew
27 ~~members~~ members, and ground personnel, patient comfort, and medical care:
- 28 (a) Global Positioning System;
- 29 (b) an external search light that can be operated from inside the aircraft;
- 30 (c) survival gear appropriate for the service area and the number, ~~age~~ age, and type of
31 patients; and
- 32 (d) permanently installed environmental control unit (ECU) capable of both heating and
33 cooling the patient compartment of the aircraft; ~~and~~
- 34 (e) ~~capability to carry at least a 220 pound patient load and transport at least 60 nautical~~
35 ~~miles or nearest Trauma Center non-stop without refueling.~~
- 36 (8) ~~The~~ the availability of one pediatric restraint device to safely transport pediatric patients and
37 children under 40 pounds in the patient compartment of the air medical ~~ambulance.~~ ambulance;

- 1 (9) ~~The~~ the aircraft has no structural or functional defects that may adversely affect the patient, or the
2 EMS ~~personnel~~ personnel; and
3 (10) a copy of the patient care treatment [protocols,] protocols set forth in Rules .0405 and .0406 of this
4 Subchapter, either paper or electronic, carried aboard the aircraft.
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6 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-157(a); 143-508(d)(8);*
7 *Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2002;*
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9 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2004;*
10 *Amended Eff. March 3, 2009 pursuant to E.O. 9, Beverly Perdue, March 3, 2009;*
11 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3(c), a bill was not ratified by the General Assembly to disapprove this*
12 *rule;*
13 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. February*
14 *2, ~~2016~~ 2016;*
15 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2017.*