

1 10A NCAC 13P .0301 is readopted with changes as published in 30:24 NCR, pp. 2558-2606, 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 upon feedback from program data, review and evaluation of patient outcomes, and quality
20 management review that follows the ~~guidelines of the~~ criteria set forth in Rule .0501 of this
21 Subchapter;

22 (A) ~~"US DOT NHTSA EMT Basic Refresher: National Standard Curriculum" for EMT~~
23 ~~personnel; and~~

24 (B) ~~"EMT P and EMT I Continuing Education National Guidelines" for EMT I and EMT P~~
25 ~~personnel.~~

26 ~~These documents are incorporated by reference in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.6, including~~
27 ~~subsequent amendments and additions. These documents are available from NHTSA, 400 7th~~
28 ~~Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, at no cost;~~

29 (6) a communication system that ~~will provide~~ provides two-way voice communications for
30 transmission of patient information to medical crew members anywhere in the service area of the
31 program. The SCTP ~~medical director~~ Medical Director shall verify that the communications
32 system is satisfactory for on-line medical direction;

33 (7) medical crew members that have ~~all~~ completed training conducted every six months regarding:

34 (A) operation of the EMS communications system used in the program; and

35 (B) the medical and patient safety equipment specific to the ~~program. This training shall be~~
36 ~~conducted every six months;~~ program;

1 (8) written operational protocols for the management of equipment, ~~supplies~~ supplies, and
2 medications. These protocols shall include:

3 (A) a listing of all standard medical equipment, supplies, and ~~medications~~ medications,
4 approved by the ~~medical director~~ Medical Director as sufficient to manage the
5 anticipated number and severity of injury or illness of the patients, for all vehicles used in
6 the program based on the treatment protocols and approved by ~~the medical director~~; the
7 OEMS; and

8 (B) a methodology to ~~assure~~ ensure that each ground vehicle and aircraft contains the
9 required equipment, ~~supplies~~ supplies, and medications on each response; and

10 (9) written policies and procedures specifying how EMS Systems will dispatch and utilize the ground
11 ambulances and aircraft operated by the program.

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

- 17 (1) ~~EMT Paramedic; paramedic;~~
- 18 (2) nurse practitioner;
- 19 (3) physician;
- 20 (4) physician assistant;
- 21 (5) registered nurse; ~~and or~~
- 22 (6) respiratory therapist.

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

25 (d) ~~Specialty Care Transport Program~~ SCTP approval ~~are~~ is valid for a period to coincide with the EMS Provider
26 ~~License, not to exceed~~ License that is issued by OEMS and is valid for six years. Programs shall apply to the OEMS
27 for reapproval.

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29 *History Note:* Authority G.S. ~~131E-155.1(b); 131E-158; 143-508; 143-508(d)(1), (d)(8), (d)(9); (d)(13); 143-~~
30 ~~508(d)(13);~~
31 *Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2002;*
32 *Eff. January 1, 2004;*
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34 *Amended Eff. March 3, 2009 pursuant to E.O. 9, Beverly Perdue, March 3, 2009;*
35 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3(c), a bill was not ratified by the General Assembly to disapprove this*
36 ~~*rule.*~~ *rule;*
37 *Readopted Eff. January 1, 2017.*