

SECTION .2100 – CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR SURGICAL SERVICES AND OPERATING ROOMS

10A NCAC 14C .2101 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to all rules in this Section:

- (1) "Ambulatory surgical facility" means a facility as defined in G.S. 131E-176(1b).
- (2) "Ambulatory surgical program" means a program as defined in G.S. 131E-176(1c).
- (3) "Approved operating rooms" means those operating rooms that were approved for a certificate of need prior to the date on which the applicant's proposed project was submitted to the Agency, but that have not been licensed.
- (4) "Dedicated cesarean section operating room" or "Dedicated C-section operating room" means an operating room as defined in Chapter 6 in the 2018 State Medical Facilities Plan. For purposes of this Section, Chapter 6 in the 2018 State Medical Facilities Plan is hereby incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments and editions. This document is available at no cost at <https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ncsmfp/index.html>.
- (5) "Existing operating rooms" means those operating rooms in ambulatory surgical facilities and hospitals that were reported in the Ambulatory Surgical Facility License Renewal Application Form or in the Hospital License Renewal Application Form submitted to the Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section of the Division of Health Service Regulation, and that were licensed and certified prior to the beginning of the review period.
- (6) "Health system" shall have the same meaning as defined in Chapter 6 in the 2018 State Medical Facilities Plan.
- (7) "Inpatient operating room" means an operating room in a hospital as defined in G.S. 131E-176(13) used for the performance of surgical procedures on inpatients.
- (8) "Multispecialty ambulatory surgical program" means a program as defined in G.S. 131E-176(15a).
- (9) "Operating room" means a room as defined in G.S. 131E-176(18c), and includes an inpatient operating room, an outpatient or ambulatory surgical operating room, or a shared operating room.
- (10) "Operating Room Need Methodology" means the Methodology for Projecting Operating Room Need in Chapter 6 in the 2018 State Medical Facilities Plan.
- (11) "Outpatient or ambulatory surgical operating room" means an operating room used for the performance of surgical procedures that require local, regional, or general anesthesia, and a period of post-operative observation of less than 24 hours.
- (12) "Service area" means the Operating Room Service Area as defined in Chapter 6 in the 2018 State Medical Facilities Plan.
- (13) "Shared operating room" means an operating room that is used for the performance of both ambulatory and inpatient surgical procedures.
- (14) "Specialty ambulatory surgical program" means a program as defined in G.S. 131E-176(24f).
- (15) "Specialty area" means an area of medical practice in which there is an approved medical specialty certificate issued by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties and includes the following: gynecology, otolaryngology, plastic surgery, general surgery, ophthalmology, urology, orthopedics, and oral surgery.

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