

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) "Approved operating rooms" means those operating rooms that were approved for a certificate of need by the CON Section prior to the date on which the applicant's proposed project was submitted to the CON Section, but that have not been licensed.
- (2) "Dedicated C-section operating room" means an operating room as defined in Chapter 6 in the annual State Medical Facilities Plan.
- (3) "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 prior to the beginning of the review period.
- (4) "Health System" shall have the same meaning as defined in Chapter 6 in the annual State Medical Facilities Plan.
- (5) "Operating room" means a room as defined in G.S. 131E-176(18c).
- (6) "Operating Room Need Methodology" means the Methodology for Projecting Operating Room Need in Chapter 6 in the annual State Medical Facilities Plan.
- (7) "Service area" means the Operating Room Service Area as defined in Chapter 6 in the annual State Medical Facilities Plan.

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