10A NCAC 13K .1113 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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## 10A NCAC 13K .1113 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

- (a) When construction or remodeling of a facility is planned, final working drawings and specifications must one copy of construction documents and specifications shall be submitted by the owner or the owner's appointed representative to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation for review and approval. Schematic design drawings and preliminary working design development drawings shall may be submitted by the owner prior to the required submission of final working drawings. for approval prior to the required submission of construction documents. The Department shall forward copies of each submittal to the Department of Insurance and Division of Environmental Health for review and approval. Three copies of the plans shall be provided
- 10 Insurance and Division of Environmental Health for review and approval. Three copies of the plans sha 11 at each submittal.
- 12 (b) Construction work shall not be commenced until written approval has been given by the Department. Approval
- of final plans construction documents and specifications shall be obtained from the Department prior to licensure.
- 14 Approval of construction documents and specifications shall expire one year from the date granted unless a contract
- 15 for the construction has been signed prior to the expiration date. after the date of approval unless a building permit for
- 16 the construction has been obtained prior to the expiration date of the approval of construction documents and
- 17 specifications.
- 18 (c) If an approval expires, a renewed approval shall be issued by the Department, provided revised plans construction
- documents and specifications meeting all current regulations, codes, and the standards established in Sections .1100
- and .1200 of this Subchapter are submitted by the owner or owner's appointed representative and reviewed
- by the Department.
- 22 (d) Completed construction shall conform to the minimum standards established in these Rules. Any changes made
- during construction shall require the approval of the Department to ensure compliance with the standards established
- in Sections .1100 and .1200 of this Subchapter.
- 25 (e) The owner or designated agent shall notify the Department when actual construction starts and at points when
- 26 construction is 75 percent and 90 percent complete and upon final completion, so that periodic and final inspections
- 27 can be performed. Completed construction or remodeling shall conform to the standards established in Sections .1100
- 28 and .1200 of this Subchapter. Construction documents and building construction, including the operation of all
- 29 <u>building systems, shall be approved in writing by the Department prior to licensure or patient and resident occupancy.</u>
- 30 (f) The owner or owner's designated agent appointed representative shall submit for approval by the Department all
- 31 alterations or remodeling changes which affect the structural integrity of the building, functional operation, fire safety
- 32 or which add beds or facilities over those for which the facility is licensed, notify the Department in writing either by
- 33 <u>U.S. Mail or e-mail when the construction or remodeling is complete.</u>

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- 35 History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-202;
- 36 *Eff. June 1, 1991;*
- 37 *Amended Eff. February 1*, <del>1996.</del> <u>1996.</u>

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