

1 10A NCAC 13K .1206 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13K .1206 HOSPICE INPATIENT FIRE AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

4 ~~(a) A new facility shall meet the requirements of the current North Carolina State Building Code and the following~~
5 ~~additional requirements:~~

6 (1) ~~Where nursing units are located on the same floor with other departments or services, the facility~~
7 ~~shall be designed to provide separation from the other departments or services with a smoke barrier.~~

8 (2) ~~Horizontal exits are not permitted in any new facility.~~

9 (3) ~~An addition to an existing facility shall meet the same requirements as a new facility except that in~~
10 ~~no case shall more than one horizontal exit be used to replace a required exit to the outside. For all~~
11 ~~construction, an emergency generating set, including the prime mover and generator, shall be~~
12 ~~located on the premises and shall be reserved exclusively for supplying the emergency electrical~~
13 ~~system.~~

14 ~~(b)(a)~~ The hospice shall establish written policies and procedures governing disaster preparedness and fire protection.

15 ~~(c) The hospice shall have an acceptable written plan periodically rehearsed with staff with procedures to be followed~~
16 ~~in the event of an internal or external disaster, and for the care of casualties of patients and personnel arising from~~
17 ~~such disasters.~~

18 (b) The hospice shall have detailed written plans and procedures to meet potential emergencies and disasters,
19 including fire and severe weather.

20 (c) The plans and procedures shall be made available upon request to local or regional emergency management offices.

21 (d) The facility shall provide training for all employees in emergency procedures upon employment and annually.

22 (e) The facility shall conduct unannounced drills using the emergency procedures.

23 (f) The facility shall ensure that:

24 (1) the patients' environment remains as free of accident hazards as possible; and

25 (2) each patient receives adequate supervision and assistance to prevent accidents.

26 ~~(d)(g)~~ The fire protection plan shall include:

27 (1) instruction for all personnel in use of alarms, ~~fire fighting~~ firefighting equipment, methods of fire
28 containment, evacuation ~~routes and routes~~, procedures for calling the fire ~~department~~ department,
29 and the assignment of specific tasks to all personnel in response to an alarm; and

30 (2) fire drills for each shift of personnel at least quarterly.

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