

10A NCAC 13K .1210 OTHER HOSPICE INPATIENT REQUIREMENTS

(a) A nurses' calling system shall be provided:

- (1) in each patient bedroom for each patient bed. The call system activator shall be such that it can be activated with a single action and remain on until deactivated by staff at the point of origin. The call system activator shall be within reach of a patient lying on the bed. In rooms containing two or more call system activators, indicating lights shall be provided at each calling station;
- (2) nurses' calling systems that provide two-way voice communication shall be equipped with an indicating light at each calling station that lights and remains lighted as long as the voice circuit is operating;
- (3) a nurses' call emergency activator shall be provided at each patients' use toilet fixture, bath, and shower. The call system activator shall be accessible to a patient lying on the floor; and
- (4) calls shall register with the floor staff and shall activate a visible signal in the corridor at the patient's door. In multi-corridor units, additional visible signals shall be installed at corridor intersections.

(b) At least one telephone shall be available in each area where patients are admitted and additional telephones or extensions as are necessary to ensure availability in case of need.

(c) General outdoor lighting shall be provided to illuminate walkways and drive.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-202;

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