

1 10A NCAC 13B .4305 is readopted with changes as published in 36:12 NCR 1029-1032 as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13B .4305 ORGANIZATION OF NEONATAL SERVICES**

4 (a) The governing body shall approve the scope of all neonatal services and the facility shall classify its capability in
5 providing a range of neonatal services using the following criteria:

- 6 (1) LEVEL I: Full-term and pre-term neonates that are stable without complications. This may ~~include,~~
7 include infants who are small for gestational age or neonates who are large for gestational ~~age~~
8 neonates; age.
- 9 (2) LEVEL II: Neonates or infants that are stable without complications but require special care and
10 frequent feedings; infants of any weight who no longer require ~~Level~~ LEVEL III or LEVEL IV
11 neonatal services, but who still require more nursing hours than normal infant. This may include
12 infants who require close observation in a licensed acute care ~~bed~~ bed.
- 13 (3) LEVEL III: Neonates or infants that are high-risk, small (~~or~~ or approximately 32 and less than 36
14 completed weeks of gestational ~~age)~~ age but otherwise healthy, or sick with a moderate degree of
15 illness that are admitted from within the hospital or transferred from another facility requiring
16 intermediate care services for sick infants, but not requiring intensive care. The beds in this level
17 may serve as a "step-down" unit from Level IV. Level III neonates or infants require less constant
18 nursing care, but care does not exclude respiratory support.
- 19 (4) LEVEL IV (Neonatal Intensive Care Services): High-risk, medically ~~unstable~~ unstable, or critically
20 ill neonates approximately under 32 weeks of gestational age, or infants, requiring constant nursing
21 care or supervision ~~not limited to~~ that includes continuous cardiopulmonary or respiratory support,
22 complicated surgical procedures, or other intensive supportive interventions.

23 (b) The facility shall provide for the availability of equipment, supplies, and clinical support services.

24 (c) The medical and nursing staff shall develop and approve policies and procedures for the provision of all neonatal
25 services.

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