

1 10A NCAC 13F .1602 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13F .1602 ISSUANCE OF ~~RATED CERTIFICATES~~ A STAR RATING**

4 (a) A star rated certificate and worksheet shall be issued to a facility by the Division of Health Service Regulation  
 5 within 45 days ~~completion of a new rating calculation pursuant to Rule .1604 of this Subchapter.~~ from the date that  
 6 the Division mails the survey or inspection report to the facility, except when a timely request has been made by the  
 7 facility under G.S. 131D-2.11 for informal dispute resolution. If a facility makes a timely request for informal dispute  
 8 resolution, the Division of Health Service Regulation shall issue a star rating to the facility within 15 days from the  
 9 date the Division mails the informal dispute decision to the facility.

10 (b) If the ownership of the facility changes, the ~~rated certificate~~ star rating in effect at the time of the change of  
 11 ownership shall remain in effect until the next annual or biennial survey or until a new certificate is issued pursuant  
 12 to Rule .1604(b) of this Subchapter.

13 (c) The star rated certificate and ~~any~~ worksheet the Division used to calculate the ~~rated certificate~~ rating shall be  
 14 displayed in a location visible to the public.

15 (d) The star rating worksheet shall be posted on the Division of Health Service Regulation website.

16 ~~(d)~~ (e) The facility may contest the ~~rated certificate~~ star rating by requesting a contested case hearing pursuant to  
 17 Article 3 of G.S. 150B. The star rating ~~rated certificate~~ and any subsequent ~~certificates~~ star ratings shall remain in  
 18 effect during any contested case hearing process.

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20 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-4.5; 131D-10;*

21 *Eff. July 3, ~~2008~~, 2008;*

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