

1 10A NCAC 13G .0309 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13G .0309 BATHROOM**

4 (a) ~~Adult~~ Family care homes licensed on or after April 1, 1984, shall have one full bathroom for ~~each~~ five or fewer
5 ~~persons~~ persons, including live-in ~~staff and family~~ staff. For the purpose of this rule, a full bathroom is a room
6 containing a sink, water closet (commode), and a bathtub, shower, spa tub, or similar bathing fixture.

7 (b) ~~The bathrooms shall be designed to provide privacy. A bathroom~~ Bathrooms with two or more water closets
8 (commodes) shall have privacy partitions or curtains for each water closet. ~~Each tub or shower~~ Bathtubs, showers,
9 spas, or similar bathing fixtures shall have privacy partitions or curtains. The requirements of this Paragraph shall
10 apply to new and existing facilities.

11 (c) ~~Entrance~~ Entrances to the bathroom bathrooms shall not be through a kitchen, another person's bedroom, or another
12 bathroom.

13 (d) ~~The required~~ Required residents' bathrooms shall be located so that there is no more than 40 feet from ~~any residents'~~
14 a resident's bedroom door to a resident use bathroom door.

15 (e) ~~Hand grips shall be installed at all commodes, tubs and showers used by the residents.~~ Water closets (commodes),
16 bathtubs, showers, spas, and similar bathing fixtures shall have hand grips meeting the following requirements:

17 (1) be mechanically fastened or anchored to the walls;

18 (2) be located to assist in entering and exiting bathtubs, showers, spas, or similar bathing fixtures; and

19 (3) be within reach of water closets (commodes).

20 (f) Nonskid surfacing or strips must be installed in ~~showers and bath areas.~~ bathtubs, showers, spas, and similar
21 bathing fixtures.

22 (g) ~~The bathrooms~~ Bathrooms shall meet the following requirements:

23 (1) be lighted to provide 30 ~~foot-candles~~ foot-candles of light at floor level ~~and have level;~~

24 (2) have ~~mechanical ventilation at the rate of two cubic feet per minute for each square foot of floor~~
25 ~~area.~~ an exhaust system per the North Carolina State Building Code: Residential Code. These
26 ~~Exhaust~~ vents shall vent directly to the ~~outdoors.~~ outdoors; and

27 (3) have floors that are water-resistant and slip-resistant.

28 (h) ~~The bathroom floor shall have a non-slippery water-resistant covering.~~

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