

1 10A NCAC 14L .0101 is adopted with changes as published in 29:07 NCR, pp. 733-735 as follows:

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3 **SUBCHAPTER 14L – STROKE CENTER DESIGNATION**

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5 **SECTION .0100 – DEFINITIONS**

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7 **10A NCAC 14L .0101 DEFINITIONS**

8 The following definitions apply throughout this Subchapter:

- 9 (1) “Acute Stroke Care” means the process for the rapid assessment and treatment of patients
10 experiencing an acute cerebrovascular accident.
- 11 ~~(2)~~ (3) “Acute Stroke Ready” means a hospital that has satisfied all requirements for certification as an
12 acute stroke ready hospital from a nationally recognized hospital accrediting organization.
- 13 ~~(2)~~ (3) “Catchment Area” means the geographical area from which a hospital’s patients are drawn.
- 14 ~~(3)~~ (4) “Comprehensive Stroke Care” means state-of-the-art infrastructure, staff and training to receive
15 and treat patients with the most complex stroke cases, including advanced imaging capabilities, 24
16 hours per day, seven days per week availability of specialized treatments, and staff with the unique
17 education and competencies to care for complex stroke patients.
- 18 ~~(4)~~ (5) “Comprehensive Stroke Center” means a hospital that has satisfied all requirements for
19 certification from a nationally recognized hospital certifying organization for the provision of
20 comprehensive stroke care.
- 21 ~~(5)~~ (6) “Conditional Designation” means a hospital that is pursuing certification but has not satisfied all
22 certification requirements of the national accrediting body to qualify for Primary Stroke Center or
23 Comprehensive Stroke ~~Center~~ Center, or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital designation.
- 24 ~~(6)~~ (7) “Department” means the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 25 ~~(7)~~ (8) “Designated Stroke Center” means a hospital that has presented evidence to the Department of
26 current certification by a national accrediting organization as a Comprehensive Stoke Center or
27 Primary Stroke ~~Center~~ Center, or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital.
- 28 ~~(8)~~ (9) “Designation” means the recognition by the Department of a hospital’s certification by a
29 nationally recognized hospital certifying organization for the provision of comprehensive or acute
30 stroke care.
- 31 ~~(9)~~ (10) “EMS System” means a coordinated arrangement of local resources under the authority of the
32 county government (including all agencies, personnel, equipment, and facilities) organized to
33 respond to medical emergencies and integrated with other health care providers and networks
34 including public health, community health monitoring activities, and special needs populations,
35 that are approved by the Department in accordance with the EMS and Trauma Rules of the North
36 Carolina Medical Care Commission 10A NCAC 13P .0201.

