

1 10A NCAC 14L .0201 is adopted with changes as published in 29:07 NCR, pp. 733-735 as follows:

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3 **SECTION .0200 –STROKE CENTER DESIGNATION**

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5 **10A NCAC 14L .0201 STROKE CENTER DESIGNATION REQUIREMENTS**

6 (a) The Department shall designate hospitals licensed by the Division of Health Service Regulation pursuant to G.S.
7 131E-78.5 as certified “Designated Stroke Centers,” as defined in Rule ~~.0101(7)~~ .0101(8) of this ~~Section,~~
8 Subchapter, upon receipt of evidence provided by the hospital as defined in Paragraph (b) of this Rule that the
9 hospital has received Primary Stroke Center or Comprehensive Stroke Center or Acute Stroke Ready certification by
10 any of the following:

- 11 (1) ~~the “Joint Commission”~~ “The Joint Commission” (TJC), “American Heart Association,”
12 Association” (AHA), and “American Stroke Association” (ASA) Comprehensive
13 Stroke Center, Disease Specific Certification Program; “Healthcare Facilities Accreditation
14 Program” (HFAP);
15 (2) “Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program” (HFAP);
16 ~~(2)~~ (3) “Det Norske Veritas” (DNV); or
17 ~~(3)~~ (4) other nationally recognized ~~hospital-certifying body as determined by the Department.~~ accrediting
18 body that requires conformance to best practices for stroke care.

19 (b) Hospitals designated as a Primary Stroke Center or Comprehensive Stroke Center or Acute Stroke Ready
20 Hospital shall notify the Office of Emergency Medical Services of the following information within 90 days of
21 ~~certification of the following information:~~ certification:

- 22 (1) the name of the accrediting organization issuing certification to the hospital;
23 (2) the date of certification;
24 (3) the level of certification (~~Primary or Comprehensive~~); (Primary, Comprehensive or Acute Stroke
25 Ready);
26 (4) the date of renewal of the certification; and
27 (5) the name and phone number of the primary contact person at the hospital who is responsible for
28 obtaining the certification.

29 (c) The Department shall maintain a list of all Primary Stroke Centers, ~~and~~ Comprehensive Stroke Centers and
30 Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals on its ~~Internet~~ website at ~~http://www.ncdhhs.nc.gov.~~ http://www.ncdhhs.gov.

31 (d) Each designated Primary Stroke Center or Comprehensive Stroke Center or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital shall
32 coordinate the provision of acute stroke care with other hospitals in their catchment area through written agreements
33 that address the following minimum requirements:

- 34 (1) transportation of acute stroke patients to the designated Primary Stroke Center or Comprehensive
35 Stroke Center; Center or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital; and
36 (2) acceptance of patients initially treated at hospitals incapable of providing ~~appropriate~~ management
37 of the acute stroke patient.

- 1 (e) The Office of Emergency Medical Services shall provide written notification annually through email to the
2 medical directors of each EMS system and EMS provider a list of all Primary Stroke Centers, ~~and~~ Comprehensive
3 Stroke Centers and Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals contained on the Department's ~~Internet~~ website.
- 4 (f) Hospitals shall notify the Office of Emergency Medical Services in writing within 30 days of any change to the
5 hospital's Primary Stroke Center or Comprehensive Stroke Center or Acute Stroke Ready certification.
- 6 (g) Hospitals that have received a conditional certification are ineligible for designation by the Department as a
7 Primary Stroke Center or Comprehensive Stroke Center or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital until the hospital receives
8 Primary Stroke Center or Comprehensive Stroke Center or Acute Stroke Ready certification by the accrediting body
9 issuing the certification.
- 10 (h) Hospitals that fail to maintain certification shall be removed from the Department's ~~Internet~~ website by the
11 Office of Emergency Medical Services within 30 days following receipt of written notification from the affected
12 hospital.
- 13 (i) Non-certified hospitals shall not advertise or utilize signage representing the hospital as a Primary Stroke Center
14 or Comprehensive Stroke Center or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital if the hospital has not received that designation by
15 the Department.

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17 *History Note: Authority 143B-10; 131E-78.5;*
18 *Eff. February 1, 2015.*