

1 10A NCAC 13P .0209 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13P .0209 AIR MEDICAL AMBULANCE: VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT**
4 **REQUIREMENTS**

5 To be permitted as an Air Medical Ambulance, an aircraft shall meet the following requirements:

- 6 (1) ~~Configuration~~ configuration of the aircraft patient care compartment does not compromise the
7 ability to provide ~~appropriate~~ care or prevent performing in-flight emergency patient care
8 procedures as approved by the program medical ~~director~~; director;
- 9 (2) ~~The~~ the aircraft has ~~on-board~~ on-board patient care equipment and supplies as defined in the
10 treatment protocols for the ~~program~~; program written by the medical director and approved by the
11 OEMS. The equipment and supplies shall be clean, in working order, and secured in the ~~aircraft~~;
12 aircraft;
- 13 (3) ~~There~~ there is installed in the rotary-wing aircraft an internal voice communication system to
14 allow for communication between the medical ~~crew~~ and flight ~~crew~~; crew;
- 15 (4) ~~The~~ the medical director designates the combination of medical equipment specified in Item (2) of
16 this Rule that is carried on a mission based on anticipated patient care ~~needs~~; needs;
- 17 (5) ~~The~~ the name of the EMS Provider is permanently displayed on each side of the ~~aircraft~~; aircraft;
- 18 (6) ~~The~~ the rotary-wing aircraft is equipped with a two-way voice radio licensed by the FCC capable
19 of operation on any frequency required to allow communications with public safety agencies such
20 as fire departments, police departments, ambulance and rescue units, hospitals, and local
21 government ~~agencies~~; agencies, within the service ~~area~~; area;
- 22 (7) ~~In~~ in addition to equipment required by applicable air worthiness certificates and Federal Aviation
23 Regulations (FAA Part 91 or 135), any rotary-wing aircraft permitted has the following
24 functioning equipment to help ensure the safety of patients, crew ~~members~~ members, and ground
25 personnel, patient comfort, and medical care:
26 (a) Global Positioning System;
27 (b) an external search light that can be operated from inside the aircraft;
28 (c) survival gear appropriate for the service area and the number, ~~age~~ age, and type of
29 patients;
30 (d) permanently installed environmental control unit (ECU) capable of both heating and
31 cooling the patient compartment of the aircraft; ~~and~~
32 (e) ~~capability to carry at least a 220 pound patient load and transport at least 60 nautical~~
33 ~~miles or nearest Trauma Center non-stop without refueling~~;
- 34 (8) ~~The~~ the availability of one pediatric restraint device to safely transport pediatric patients and
35 children under 40 pounds in the patient compartment of the air medical ~~ambulance~~; ambulance;
- 36 (9) ~~The~~ the aircraft has no structural or functional defects that may adversely affect the patient, or the
37 EMS ~~personnel~~; personnel; and

1 (10) a copy of the patient care treatment protocols, either paper or electronic, carried aboard the
2 aircraft.

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4 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 131E-157(a); 143-508(d)(8);*
5 *Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2002;*
6 *Eff. April 1, 2003;*
7 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2004;*
8 *Amended Eff. March 3, 2009 pursuant to E.O. 9, Beverly Perdue, March 3, 2009;*
9 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3(c), a bill was not ratified by the General Assembly to disapprove this*
10 *rule;*
11 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. February*
12 *2, ~~2016~~ 2016;*
13 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2017.*