

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 20, 2017

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Nadine Pfeiffer, Rule Review Manager

**RE:** Proposed Temporary Adoption of Hospital Facilities Construction Rules

GS 150B-21.1 requires a rule-making body to notify certain individuals of its intent to publish a temporary rule on the Office of Administrative Hearings website. It also requires notification of the date, time and location of the public hearing on the rules.

Session Law 2017-174, known as "An Act Directing the Medical Care Commission to Adopt the Recommendations of the American Society of Healthcare Engineering's Facility Guidelines Institute" that became effective on July 21, 2017 requires the N.C. Medical Care Commission to adopt temporary rules to implement the provisions of the Act.

Accordingly, the N.C. Medical Care Commission has submitted form OAH 0700 to the Codifier of Rules, Office of Administrative Hearings, indicating its intent to proceed with the following rulemaking actions:

#### Hospital Rules

10A NCAC 13B .6003 Definitions (Adopt)

10A NCAC 13B .6105 Incorporation by Reference and Application of the Requirements

of the Guidelines (Adopt)

10A NCAC 13B .6228 Neonatal Level I, II, and IV Nurseries (Adopt)

The public hearing is scheduled for October 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 123B, Williams Building, 1800 Umstead Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603. The building is located in the Dorothea Dix Park. The Commission is accepting public comments on this rule from September 28, 2017 – October 19, 2017. Comments can also be made at the public hearing. The proposed effective date of this rule is December 1, 2017.

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A copy of the proposed rules are attached to this memo and can also be found at the Division of Health Service Regulation web site <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ruleactions.html">www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ruleactions.html</a>.

Should you have questions related to this memorandum or the proposed rule, please feel free to contact the Construction Section at (919) 855-3893.

#### Enclosures

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