

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 15, 2018

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Nadine Pfeiffer, Rule Review Manager

RE: Proposed Adoption of Hospital Facilities Construction Rules

10A NCAC 13B

GS 150B-21.2 requires a rule-making body to notify certain individuals of its intent to adopt a permanent rule. It also requires notification of the date, time and location of the public hearing on the rule. 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 rules to implement the provisions of the Act. Preparation of a fiscal note for these rules is exempted pursuant to this Act.

Accordingly, the Commission has submitted form OAH 0300 to the Codifier of Rules, Office of Administrative Hearings, indicating its intent to proceed with the following rule-making actions:

Hospital Rules

10A NCAC 13B .6003 Definitions (Adopt)

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

of the FGI Guidelines (Adopt)

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

The proposed rule text is attached to this memo and were published in today's March 15, 2018 edition of the N.C. Register which can be found at the Office of Administrative Hearings web site at http://www.ncoah.com/rules/register.

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A public hearing is scheduled for April 26, 2018 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. Ms. Nadine Pfeiffer, DHSR Rule Review Manager, is accepting public comments on these rules and fiscal note from March 15, 2018 – May 14, 2018. Comments will also be accepted in person at the public hearing. The proposed effective date of these rules is pending legislative review in accordance with Session Law 2017-174.

A copy of the proposed rules and instructions for submitting comment can be found at the Division of Health Service Regulation web site at www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ruleactions.html.

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

Enclosures

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