

10A NCAC 13C .1401 is proposed for amendment as follows:

SECTION .1400 - PHYSICAL PLANT CONSTRUCTION

10A NCAC 13C .1401 ~~OPERATING SUITE~~ DEFINITIONS

The size and design of the suite shall be in accordance with individual programs, but the following basic elements designed to ensure no flow of through traffic must be incorporated in all facilities:

- (1) ~~Operating Room(s). The number shall depend on the projected case load and types of procedures to be performed. Rooms used for surgery shall have adequate space to accommodate necessary equipment and personnel.~~
- (2) ~~Service Areas. The following supporting services shall be provided:~~
 - (a) ~~scrub up facilities with foot or knee controls;~~
 - (b) ~~personnel locker and dressing areas so located that personnel enter from uncontrolled areas and exit directly into a surgical suite. Locker space shall be provided for each employee; and a toilet, shower, and dressing area shall be provided in each personnel dressing room;~~
 - (c) ~~separate rooms for clean and for soiled supplies and equipment;~~
 - (d) ~~anesthesia workroom;~~
 - (e) ~~one clerical control station; and~~
 - (f) ~~a janitor's closet conveniently located to serve only the licensed facility.~~

In addition to the definitions set forth in G.S. 131E-146, the following definitions shall apply in Section .1400 of this Subchapter:

- (1) "Addition" means an extension or increase in floor area or height of a building.
- (2) "Alteration" means any construction or renovation to an existing building other than construction of an addition.
- (3) "Construction documents" means final building plans and specifications for the construction of a facility that a governing body submits to the Construction Section for approval as specified in Rule .0202 of this Subchapter.
- (4) "Construction Section" means the Construction Section of the Division of Health Service Regulation.
- (5) "Division" means the Division of Health Service Regulation of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
- (6) "Facility" means an ambulatory surgical facility as defined in G.S. 131E-146.
- (7) "FGI Guidelines" means the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities that is incorporated by reference in Rule .1402 of this Section.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-145; 131E-146; 131E-149;
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1 *Amended Eff. December 24, 1979;*
2 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December*
3 *23, ~~2017~~, 2017;*
4 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2020.*