

10A NCAC 13C .1403 is amended with changes as published in 33:24 NCR 2352-2356 as follows:

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~~In addition to those areas covered in Rules .1401 and .1402 of this Section, the facility shall provide space for the following:~~

- ~~(1) the receiving and registering of patients in privacy for obtaining confidential information;~~
- ~~(2) waiting space with public toilets, public telephone, drinking fountain, and wheelchair storage;~~
- ~~(3) preoperative preparation and post operative space for both males and females with dressing rooms and toilet facilities; and~~
- ~~(4) secure storage for patients' personal effects.~~

(a) A new facility or any addition or alterations to an existing facility whose construction documents were approved by the Construction Section on or after July 1, 2020 shall meet the requirements set forth in:

- (1) the rules of this Section; and
- (2) the FGI Guidelines.

(b) An existing facility whose construction documents were approved by the Construction Section prior to July 1, 2020 shall meet those standards established in the rules of this Section that were in effect at the time the construction documents were approved by the Construction Section. Previous versions of the rules of this Section can be accessed online at [<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/const/index.html>] <https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/const/index.html>.

(c) The facility shall develop and maintain an emergency preparedness program as required by 42 CFR Part 416.54 Condition of Participation: Emergency Preparedness. The emergency preparedness program shall be developed with input from the local fire department and local emergency management agency. Documentation required to be maintained by 42 CFR Part 416.54 shall be maintained at the facility for at least three years and shall be made available to the Division during an inspection upon request.

(d) Any existing building converted from another use to a new facility shall meet the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-149; 42 CFR Part 416.54;

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