

1 10A NCAC 13B .5412 is proposed for reoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13B .5412 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY**
4 **PATIENTS**

5 Inpatient rehabilitation facilities providing services to ~~persons~~ patients with traumatic brain injuries shall ~~meet the~~
6 ~~requirements in this Rule in addition to those identified in this Section.~~ provide staff to meet the needs of patients in
7 accordance with the patient assessment, treatment plan, and physician orders.

8 (1) ~~Direct care nursing personnel staffing ratios established in Rule .5408 of this Section shall not be~~
9 ~~applied to nursing services for traumatic brain injury patients in the inpatient, rehabilitation facility~~
10 ~~or unit. The minimum nursing hours per traumatic brain injury patient in the unit shall be 6.5 nursing~~
11 ~~hours per patient day. At no time shall direct care nursing staff be less than two full time~~
12 ~~equivalents, one of which shall be a registered nurse.~~

13 (2) ~~The inpatient rehabilitation facility or unit shall employ or provide by contractual agreements~~
14 ~~physical, occupational or speech therapists in order to provide a minimum of 4.5 hours of specific~~
15 ~~or combined rehabilitation therapy services per traumatic brain injury patient day.~~

16 (3) (1) ~~The facility shall provide special facility or~~ have access to special equipment to meet the needs for
17 patients of patients with traumatic brain injury, including ~~specially designed wheelchairs, tilt tables~~
18 ~~and standing tables.~~ injury.

19 (4) ~~The medical director of an inpatient traumatic brain injury program shall have two years~~
20 ~~management in a brain injury program, one of which may be in a clinical fellowship program and~~
21 ~~board eligibility or certification in the medical specialty of the physician's training.~~

22 (5) (2) The facility shall provide the consulting services of a neuropsychologist.

23 (6) (3) The facility shall provide continuing education in the care and treatment of brain injury patients for
24 all staff.

25 (7) (4) The size of the brain injury program shall ~~be adequate to~~ support a comprehensive, dedicated
26 ongoing brain injury program.

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-79;*
29 *RRC Objection due to lack of statutory authority Eff. January 18, 1996;*
30 *Eff. May 1, 1996; 1996;*
31 *Readopted Eff. April 1, 2020.*