

10A NCAC 13B .5412 is readopted with changes as published in 34:06 NCR 473-481 as follows:

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

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

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

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

~~(3) [(1)]~~

**(b)** The facility shall provide ~~special facility or~~ special equipment to meet the needs for patients of ~~patients~~ with traumatic brain injury, including specially designed wheelchairs, tilt tables and standing tables. ~~[injury.]~~

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

~~(5) [(2)]~~

**(c)** The facility shall provide the consulting services of a neuropsychologist.

~~(6) [(3)]~~

**(d)** The facility shall provide continuing education in the care and treatment of brain injury patients for all staff.

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

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