1 2 10A NCAC 13K .1104 is readopted with changes as published in 34:24 NCR 2380-2383 as follows:

- 3 10A NCAC 13K .1104 DIETARY SERVICES
- 4 (a) The hospice shall develop and maintain written policies and procedures for dietary services.
- 5 (b) Dietary services shall be provided directly or may be provided through written agreement with a food service
- 6 company. The <u>Any</u> written agreement, if applicable, <u>agreement</u> shall meet the provisions of Rule .0505 of this
- 7 Subchapter.
- 8 (c) The hospice shall assure that offer the residents' favorite foods are included in their diets whenever possible. diets.
- 9 (d) The food service shall be planned and staffed to serve <u>at least</u> three balanced meals at regular intervals or at a
- 10 variety of times depending upon throughout the day, timed to meet the needs of the residents. No more than 14 hours
- 11 shall elapse between a substantial an evening meal which shall consist of three or more menu items, including a
- 12 protein, and breakfast. breakfast that includes a protein.

13 (e) The hospice shall appoint a staff member trained or experienced in food management <u>nutrition care services</u> to:

- 14 (1) plan menus to meet the nutritional needs of the residents. residents; and
- 15 (2) supervise meal preparation and service.
- (f) Therapeutic diets shall be prescribed by the physician and planned by a registered dietitian.
 <u>dietitian/nutritionist or licensed nutritionist.</u>
- 18 (g) Between-meal snacks of nourishing quality from the basic food groups shall be offered and be available on a 24
- 19 hour <u>24-hour</u> basis.
- 20 (h) The procurement, storage storage, and refrigeration of food, refuse handling handling, and pest control shall
- 21 comply with the most current sanitation rules 15A NCAC 18A which are hereby incorporated by reference, including
- 22 <u>subsequent</u> [amendments and editions] amendments, promulgated by the Division of Environmental Commission for
- 23 <u>Public</u> Health. [These rules may be accessed at http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp free of charge.]
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25 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 131E-202;

- 26 Eff. June 1, 1991. <u>1996;</u>
- 27 <u>Readopted Eff. January 1, 2021.</u>