10A NCAC 13G .0403 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

**10A NCAC 13G .0403 QUALIFICATIONS OF MEDICATION STAFF**

(a) Family care home staff who administer medications, hereafter referred to as medication aides, and staff who directly supervise the administration of medications, their direct supervisors shall have documentation of successfully completing the clinical skills validation portion of the competency evaluation according to Paragraphs (d) and (e) of Rule .0503 of this Subchapter prior to the administration or supervision of the administration of medications. Complete training, clinical skills validation, and pass the written examination as set forth in, G.S. 131D-4.5B. Persons authorized by state occupational licensure laws to administer medications are exempt from this requirement.

(b) Medication aides and their direct supervisors, except persons authorized by state occupational licensure laws to administer medications, shall successfully pass the written examination within 90 days after successful completion of the clinical skills validation portion of a competency evaluation according to Rule .0503 of this Subchapter.

(c) Medication aides and staff who directly supervise the administration of medications, their direct supervisors, except persons authorized by state occupational licensure laws to administer medications, shall complete six hours of continuing education annually related to medication administration.

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