10A NCAC 14C .3901 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

10A NCAC 14C .3901 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to all rules in this Section:

1. "Ambulatory surgical facility" means a facility as defined in G.S. 131E-176(1b).
2. "Gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy room" means a room as defined in G.S. 131E-176(7d) that is used to perform one or more GI endoscopy procedures.
3. "Gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy procedure" means a single procedure, identified by CPT code or ICD-9-CM procedure code, performed on a patient during a single visit to the facility for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.
4. "Operating room" means a room as defined in G.S. 131E-176(18c).
5. "Related entity" means the parent company of the applicant, a subsidiary company of the applicant (i.e., the applicant owns 50 percent or more of another company), a joint venture in which the applicant is a member, or a company that shares common ownership with the applicant (i.e., the applicant and another company are owned by some of the same persons).
6. "Service area" means the geographical area, as defined by the applicant using county lines, from which the applicant projects to serve patients.
7. "Approved gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy rooms" means GI endoscopy rooms that were approved for a certificate of need by the CON Section prior to the date the application was submitted but that are not licensed as of the date the application is submitted.
8. "Existing GI endoscopy rooms" means GI endoscopy rooms that were licensed prior to the beginning of the review period.
9. "GI endoscopy procedure" means each upper endoscopy, esophagoscopy, or colonoscopy procedure performed on a patient during a single visit to the licensed health service facility.
10. "Licensed health service facility" means either a hospital as defined in G.S. 131E-176(13) or an ambulatory surgical facility as defined in G.S. 131E-176(1b).
11. "New GI endoscopy room" means a GI endoscopy room that is not included in the inventory of GI endoscopy rooms in the State Medical Facilities Plan as of the date the application is submitted.
12. "Service area" means the county where the proposed GI endoscopy room will be developed.

History Note:
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