10A NCAC 13K .1209 is proposed for amendment as follows:

**10A NCAC 13K .1209  HOSPICE INPATIENT REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL ELECTRICAL**

(a) All main water supply shut off valves in the sprinkler system must be electronically supervised so that if any valve is closed an alarm will sound at a continuously manned central station.

(b) No two adjacent emergency **life safety branch** lighting fixtures shall be on the same circuit.

(c) Receptacles in bathrooms must have ground fault protection.

(d) Each patient bed location must be provided with a minimum of **four eight** single or **two four** duplex receptacles.

(e) Each patient bed location must be supplied by at least two branch circuits, **circuits, one from the equipment branch** and one from the normal system.

(f) The fire alarm system must be installed to transmit an alarm automatically to the fire department that is, legally committed to serve the area in which the facility is located, by the direct and reliable method approved by local ordinances.

(g) In patient areas, fire alarms shall be gongs or chimes rather than horns or bells.

**History Note:**

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