

1 10A NCAC 14C .4001 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **SECTION .4000 - CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR HOSPICE INPATIENT FACILITIES AND**
4 **HOSPICE RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES**

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6 **10A NCAC 14C .4001 DEFINITIONS**

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

- 8 (1) ~~"Bereavement counseling" means counseling provided to a hospice patient's family or significant~~
9 ~~others to assist them in dealing with issues of grief and loss.~~
- 10 (2) ~~"Caregiver" means the person whom the patient designates to provide the patient with emotional~~
11 ~~support, physical care, or both.~~
- 12 (3) ~~"Care plan" means a plan as defined in 10A NCAC 13K .0102 of the Hospice Licensing Rules.~~
- 13 (4) ~~"Home like" means furnishings of a hospice inpatient facility or a hospice residential care facility~~
14 ~~as defined in 10A NCAC 13K .1110 or .1204 of the Hospice Licensing Rules.~~
- 15 (5) ~~"Hospice" means any coordinated program of home care as defined in G.S. 131E 176(13a).~~
- 16 (6) ~~"Hospice inpatient facility" means a facility as defined in G.S. 131E 176(13b).~~
- 17 (7) ~~"Hospice residential care facility" means a facility as defined in G.S. 131E 176(13c).~~
- 18 (8) ~~"Hospice service area" means for residential care facilities, the county in which the hospice~~
19 ~~residential care facility will be located and the contiguous counties for which the hospice residential~~
20 ~~care facility will provide services.~~
- 21 (9) ~~"Hospice services" means services as defined in G.S. 131E 201(5b).~~
- 22 (10) ~~"Hospice staff" means personnel as defined in 10A NCAC 13K .0102 of the Hospice Licensing~~
23 ~~Rules.~~

24 The following definitions shall apply to this Section:

- 25 (1) "Approved beds" means HI or HR beds that were issued a certificate of need but are not licensed as
26 of the application deadline for the review period.
- 27 (2) "Average daily census (ADC)" means the total number of days of care provided in the HI or HR
28 beds during a full fiscal year of operation divided by 365 days.
- 29 (3) "Existing beds" means HI or HR beds that are licensed as of the application deadline for the review
30 period.
- 31 (4) "Hospice inpatient facility (HI) beds" means HI beds licensed to provide palliative and supportive
32 medical and other health services to meet the physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and special
33 needs of terminally ill patients in an inpatient setting.
- 34 (5) "Hospice residential facility (HR) beds" means HR beds licensed to provide palliative and
35 supportive medical and other health services to meet the physical, psychological, social, spiritual,
36 and special needs of terminally ill patients in a group residential setting.

1 (6) “Occupancy rate” means the ADC divided by the total number of existing, approved, and proposed
2 HI or HR beds expressed as a percentage.

3 (7) “Proposed beds” means the HI or HR beds proposed in the application under review.

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5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-177(1); 131E-183(b);*
6 *Temporary Adoption Eff. February 1, 2006;*
7 *Eff. November 1, ~~2006~~ 2006;*
8 *Readopted Eff. January 1, 2023.*

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