I	10A NCAC 14C .4003 is readopted with changes as published in 37:02 NCR 170-174 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 14C .4003 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
4	(a) An applicant proposing to develop hospice inpatient facility beds or hospice residential care facility beds shall
5	demonstrate that:
6	(1) the average occupancy rate of the licensed hospice beds, for each level of care, in the facility is
7	projected to be at least 50 percent for the last six months of the first operating year following
8	completion of the project;
9	(2) the average occupancy rate for the licensed hospice beds, for each level of care, in the facility is
10	projected to be at least 65 percent for the second operating year following completion of the project;
11	and
12	(3) if the application is submitted to address the need for hospice residential care beds, each existing
13	hospice residential care facility which is located in the hospice service area operated at an occupancy
14	rate of at least 65 percent for the 12 month period reported on that facility's most recent Licensure
15	Renewal Application Form.
16	(b) An applicant proposing to add hospice inpatient facility beds to an existing hospice inpatient facility shall
17	document that the average occupancy of the licensed hospice inpatient facility beds in its existing facility was at least
18	65 percent for the nine months immediately preceding the submittal of the proposal.
19	(c) An applicant proposing to add residential care beds to an existing hospice residential care facility shall document
20	that the average occupancy of the licensed hospice residential care beds in its existing facility was at least 65 percent
21	for the nine months immediately preceding the submittal of the proposal.
22	(a) An applicant proposing to develop new [HH] hospice inpatient facility beds pursuant to a need determination in
23	the annual State Medical Facilities Plan in effect as of the first day of the review period shall:
24	(1) provide projected utilization of all [existing] existing, approved, and proposed [H] hospice inpatient
25	facility beds on the license during each of the first three full fiscal years of operation following
26	completion of the project;
27	(2) [document] project that the occupancy rate for all existing, approved, and proposed [HH] hospice
28	inpatient facility beds on the license shall be at least 65 percent during the third full fiscal year of
29	operation following completion of the project; and
30	(3) provide the assumptions and methodology used to provide the projected utilization and occupancy
31	rate required by Subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this Paragraph.
32	(b) An applicant proposing to develop new [HR] hospice residential care facility beds shall:
33	(1) provide projected utilization of all existing, approved, and proposed [HR] hospice residential care
34	facility beds on the license during each of the first three full fiscal years of operation following
35	completion of the project;

1	(2)	[document] project that the occupancy rate for all existing, approved, and proposed [HR] hospice
2		residential care facility beds on the license shall be at least 65 percent during the third full fiscal
3		year of operation following completion of the project; and
4	<u>(3)</u>	provide the assumptions and methodology used to provide the projected utilization and occupancy
5		rate required by Subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this Paragraph.
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7	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131E-177(1); <u>131E-183(b);</u>
8		Temporary Adoption Eff. February 1, 2006;
9		Eff. November 1, 2006;
10		Temporary Amendment Eff. February 1, 2008;
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