

1 10A NCAC 13G .0315 is proposed for reoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13G .0315 HOUSEKEEPING AND FURNISHINGS**

4 (a) ~~Each~~ A family care home shall:

- 5 (1) have walls, ceilings, and floors or floor coverings kept clean and in good repair;
- 6 (2) have no ~~chronic unpleasant odors~~; odors that are considered by the residents to be chronic and
7 unpleasant;
- 8 (3) have furniture ~~clean and in good repair~~; that is clean, safe, and functional.
- 9 (4) have a North Carolina ~~Division of Environmental Health~~ Department of Health and Human
10 Services, Division of Public Health, Environmental Health Section approved sanitation
11 classification at all ~~times~~; times, which is incorporated by reference including all subsequent
12 amendments. The “Rules Governing the Sanitation of Residential Care Facilities”, 15A NCAC 18A
13 .1600, may be accessed electronically free of charge at <http://ehs.dph.ncdhs.gov/rules.htm>;
- 14 (5) be maintained in an uncluttered, ~~clean~~ clean, and orderly manner, free of all obstructions and
15 hazards;
- 16 (6) have a supply on hand at all times of bath soap, clean towels, washcloths, sheets, pillowcases,
17 blankets, and additional ~~coverings adequate~~ covers for resident ~~use on hand at all times~~; use;
- 18 (7) make available the following items as needed through ~~any~~ means other than charge to the personal
19 funds of recipients of State-County Special Assistance:
- 20 (A) protective ~~sheets~~ mattress covers, and clean, absorbent, ~~soft~~ soft, and smooth mattress
21 pads;
- 22 (B) ~~bedpans, urinals, hot water bottles, and ice caps~~; bedpans and urinals; and
- 23 (C) bedside commodes, walkers, and wheelchairs.
- 24 (8) have one television and one radio ~~radio~~, each in good working order;
- 25 (9) have curtains, ~~draperies~~ draperies, or blinds at windows in resident use areas to provide for resident
26 privacy;
- 27 (10) have recreational equipment, supplies for games, books, ~~magazines~~ magazines, and a ~~current~~ weekly
28 newspaper available for residents;
- 29 (11) have a clock that has numbers at least 1½ inches tall in ~~an area commonly used by the residents~~; the
30 living room or in the dining room or dining room area; and
- 31 (12) have at least one telephone that does not ~~depend on~~ require electricity or cellular service to operate.

32 (b) Each bedroom shall have the following furnishings in good repair and clean for each resident:

- 33 (1) A bed equipped with box springs and mattress or solid link springs and no-sag innerspring or foam
34 mattress. Hospital bed appropriately equipped with all accessories required for use shall be arranged
35 for as needed. A water bed is allowed if requested by a resident and permitted by the ~~home~~ facility.
36 Each bed is to have the following:
- 37 (A) at least one pillow with a clean pillow case;

- 1 (B) a clean top and bottom sheets sheet on the bed, with bed changed as often as necessary but
 2 at least once a week; and week and when soiled; and
- 3 (C) a clean bedspread and other clean coverings as needed.
- 4 (2) a bedside type table;
- 5 (3) chest of drawers or bureau when not provided as built-ins, or a double chest of drawers or double
 6 dresser for two residents;
- 7 (4) a wall or dresser mirror that ~~can~~ may be used by each
- 8 (5) a minimum of one ~~comfortable chair (rocker or straight, arm or without arms, as preferred by~~
 9 ~~resident), high enough from floor for easy rising;~~ chair that is comfortable as preferred by the
 10 resident, which may include a rocking or straight chair, with or without arms, that is high enough
 11 for the resident to easily rise without discomfort;
- 12 (6) additional chairs available, as needed, for use by visitors;
- 13 (7) individual clean towel, wash cloth, and towel bar within bedroom or adjoining bathroom; and
- 14 (8) a light overhead of bed with a switch ~~within reach of~~ that may be reached by a person lying on the
 15 bed; or a lamp. The light shall provide a minimum of 30 foot-candle power of illumination for
 16 reading.
- 17 (c) The living room shall have ~~functional living room furnishings for the comfort of aged and disabled persons,~~ that
 18 are in good working order and provide comfort as preferred by residents with coverings that are easily cleanable.
- 19 (d) The dining room shall have the following furnishings:
- 20 (1) tables and chairs to seat all residents eating in the dining room; and
- 21 (2) chairs that are sturdy, non-folding, without rollers unless retractable or on front legs only, and
 22 designed to minimize tilting.
- 23 (e) This Rule shall apply to new and existing homes.

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