

## SECTION .2600 - PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

### 10A NCAC 13D .2601 AVAILABILITY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

(a) The facility shall provide pharmaceutical services under the supervision of a pharmacist, including procedures that ensure the accurate acquiring, receiving and administering of all drugs and biologicals.

(b) The facility shall be responsible for obtaining drugs, therapeutic nutrients and related products prescribed or ordered by a physician for patients in the facility.

(c) To ensure that drug therapy is rational, safe and effective, a pharmaceutical care assessment shall be conducted in the facility at least every 31 days for each patient. All new admissions shall receive a pharmaceutical care assessment at the time of the pharmacist's next visit or within 31 days, whichever comes first. This assessment shall include at least:

- (1) a review of the patient's diagnoses, history and physical, discharge summary, diet, vital signs, current physician's orders, laboratory values, progress notes, interdisciplinary care plans and medication administration records; and
- (2) the pharmacist's progress notes in the patient's medical record which reflect the results of this assessment and, if necessary, recommendations for change based on desired drug outcomes.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 131E-104; 131E-117;  
RRC objection due to lack of statutory authority Eff. July 13, 1995;  
Eff. January 1, 1996;  
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22, 2015.