

**10A NCAC 13P .0221 PATIENT TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN HOSPITALS**

(a) For the purpose of this Rule, hospital means those facilities as defined in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.

(b) Every ground ambulance when transporting a patient between hospitals shall be occupied by all of the following:

- (1) one person who holds a credential issued by the OEMS as an emergency medical responder or higher who is responsible for the operation of the vehicle and rendering assistance to the patient caregiver when needed; and
- (2) at least one of the following individuals as determined by the transferring physician to manage the anticipated severity of injury or illness of the patient who is responsible for the medical aspects of the mission:
  - (A) emergency medical technician;
  - (B) advanced EMT;
  - (C) paramedic;
  - (D) nurse practitioner;
  - (E) physician;
  - (F) physician assistant;
  - (G) registered nurse; or
  - (H) respiratory therapist.

(c) Information shall be provided to the OEMS by the licensed EMS provider in the application:

- (1) describing the intended staffing pursuant to Rule .0204 of this Section; and
- (2) showing authorization pursuant to Rule .0204 of this Section by the county where the EMS provider license is issued to use the staffing in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

(d) Ambulances used for patient transports between hospitals shall contain all medical equipment, supplies, and medications approved by the Medical Director, based upon the NCCEP treatment protocol guidelines. These protocol guidelines set forth in Rules .0405 and .0406 of this Subchapter are available online at no cost at <https://oems.nc.gov>.

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