

10A NCAC 13S .0320 ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE

(a) There shall be on the premises throughout all hours of operation an employee authorized to receive patients and make administrative decisions regarding patients. Administrative decisions include all of the decisions related to a patient's care and services, such as admissions, billing, and services provided.

(b) All patients shall be admitted only under the care of a physician who is currently licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina.

(c) Any patient not discharged within 12 hours following the abortion procedure shall be transferred to a hospital licensed pursuant to Chapter 131E, Article 5 of the General Statutes.

(d) Following admission and prior to obtaining the consent for the procedure, representatives of the clinic's management shall provide to each patient the following information:

- (1) a fee schedule and any extra charges routinely applied;
- (2) the name of the attending physician or physicians and hospital admitting privileges. In the absence of admitting privileges a statement documenting that the attending physician or physicians does not have admitting privileges shall be included;
- (3) instructions for post-procedure problems and questions as outlined in Rule .0329(d) of this Section;
- (4) grievance procedures a patient may follow if dissatisfied with the care and services rendered pursuant to the grievance policy as outlined in Rule .0318(d)(3) of this Section; and
- (5) the telephone number for Complaint Intake of the Division.

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