

10A NCAC 13D .2303 NURSE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

- (a) A facility shall provide licensed nursing staff sufficient to accomplish the following:
- (1) patient needs assessment;
 - (2) patient care planning; and
 - (3) supervisory functions in accordance with the levels of patient care advertised or offered by the facility.
- (b) A facility must have sufficient nursing staff to provide nursing and related services to attain or maintain the physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each patient, as determined by patient assessments and individual plans of care.
- (c) A multi-storied facility shall have at least one nurse aide on duty on each patient care floor at all times.
- (d) Except for designated units with higher staffing requirements noted elsewhere in this Subchapter, daily direct patient care nursing staff, licensed and unlicensed, shall include:
- (1) at least one licensed nurse on duty for direct patient care at all times; and
 - (2) a registered nurse for at least eight consecutive hours a day, seven days a week. This coverage may be spread over more than one shift if such a need exists. The director of nursing may be counted as meeting the requirements for both the director of nursing and patient staffing for facilities with a total census of 60 nursing beds or less.

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