

**SECTION .3900 - CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY
PROCEDURE ROOMS IN LICENSED HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES**

10A NCAC 14C .3901 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to all rules in this Section:

- (1) "Approved gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy rooms" means GI endoscopy rooms that were approved for a certificate of need by the CON Section prior to the date the application was submitted but that are not licensed as of the date the application is submitted.
- (2) "Existing GI endoscopy rooms" means GI endoscopy rooms that were licensed prior to the beginning of the review period.
- (3) "GI endoscopy procedure" means each upper endoscopy, esophagoscopy, or colonoscopy procedure performed on a patient during a single visit to the licensed health service facility.
- (4) "Licensed health service facility" means either a hospital as defined in G.S. 131E-176(13) or an ambulatory surgical facility as defined in G.S. 131E-176(1b).
- (5) "New GI endoscopy room" means a GI endoscopy room that is not included in the inventory of GI endoscopy rooms in the State Medical Facilities Plan as of the date the application is submitted.
- (6) "Service area" means the county where the proposed GI endoscopy room will be developed.

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