

## NORTH CAROLINA

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### SECTION .3000 - SPECIALLY DESIGNED UNITS

#### 10A NCAC 13D .3001 SPECIALIZED REHABILITATIVE AND HABILITATIVE SERVICES

Specialized rehabilitative and habilitative services, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy, are not required as a condition of licensure. Patients requiring such services, however, shall not be admitted or retained in a facility unless the facility is capable of furnishing the needed services. If specialized rehabilitative services are provided:

(1) The facility shall provide or obtain from an outside resource specialized rehabilitative services as required by the patient's comprehensive plan of care.

(2)n Specialized rehabilitative services shall be ordered by the physician and provided by a licensed or certified, professional therapist in the area of assignment.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-104; Eff. January 1, 1996.

#### 10A NCAC 13D .3002 QUALITY OF SPECIALIZED REHABILITATION SERVICES

(a) While the person supervising specialized rehabilitative services shall be a licensed or certified professional therapist, all other support personnel shall be trained in the area of assignment and directly supervised by the therapist in the area of assignment.

(b) Services provided through outside resources shall be carried out through, and in accordance with, written agreements.

(c) Services shall be designed to maintain and improve the patient's ability to function independently, prevent as much as possible the advancement of progressive disabilities, and restore maximum function.

(d) If nursing staff carry out selected therapy procedures, they shall do so under the supervision of the physical or occupational therapist and only after documented training and approval by the therapist. This is not to prohibit simple restorative measures by the nursing staff.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-104; RRC objection due to lack of statutory authority Eff. July 13, 1995; Eff. January 1, 1996.