

SECTION .1400 – CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR LEVEL IV NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE SERVICES

10A NCAC 14C .1401 DEFINITIONS

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

- (1) "Approved neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) beds" means acute care beds in a hospital that were issued a certificate of need to provide Level IV neonatal intensive care services but are not providing those services as of the application deadline for the review period.
- (2) "Average daily census (ADC)" means the total number of existing, approved, and proposed NICU days of care provided during a full fiscal year of operation divided by 365 days.
- (3) "Existing NICU beds" means acute care beds in a hospital that are providing Level IV neonatal intensive care services as of the application deadline for the review period.
- (4) "Level IV neonatal intensive care services" means services provided to high-risk medically unstable or critically ill neonates less than 32 weeks of gestational age, or infants requiring constant nursing care or supervision in NICU beds.
- (5) "Occupancy rate" means the ADC divided by the total number of existing, approved, and proposed NICU beds expressed as a percentage.
- (6) "Proposed NICU beds" means the acute care beds proposed to provide Level IV neonatal intensive care services in a hospital in the application under review.

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