

1 21 NCAC 46 .2401 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 46 .2401 MEDICATION IN HEALTH DEPARTMENTS**

4 A registered nurse employed by a local health department may dispense prescription drugs or devices under the  
5 following conditions:

- 6 (1) Drugs or devices may be dispensed only to health department patients, with the exception ~~of~~ of:  
7 (a) opioid antagonists, which may be dispensed either to health department patients or to others as  
8 permitted by G.S. ~~90-106.2~~; 90-106.2, and (b) epinephrine auto-injectors, which may be dispensed  
9 either to health department patients or to school personnel as permitted by G.S. 115C-375.2A.
- 10 (2) No drugs or devices may be dispensed except at health department clinics;
- 11 (3) The health department shall secure the services of a pharmacist-manager who shall be responsible  
12 for compliance with all statutes, rules, and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy and  
13 dispensing of drugs at the health department;
- 14 (4) Only the general categories of drugs or devices listed in Rule .2403 may be dispensed by a health  
15 department registered nurse;
- 16 (5) All drugs or devices dispensed pursuant to G.S. 90-85.34A and these rules shall be packaged,  
17 labeled, and otherwise dispensed in compliance with state and federal law, and records of  
18 dispensing shall be kept in compliance with state and federal law. The pharmacist-manager shall  
19 verify the accuracy of the records at least weekly, and where health department personnel dispense  
20 to 30 or more patients in a 24-hour period per dispensing site, the pharmacist-manager shall verify  
21 the accuracy of the records within 24 hours after dispensing occurs.

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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-85.6; 90-85.34A; 90-106.2; 115C-375.2A;*

24 *Eff. March 1, 1987;*

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