

1 **21 NCAC 36 .0815 is proposed for amendment as follows:**

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3 **21 NCAC 36 .0815 REPORTING CRITERIA**

4 (a) The Department of Health and Human Services ("Department") may report to the North Carolina Board of
5 Nursing ("Board") information regarding the prescribing practices of those nurse practitioners ("prescribers") whose
6 prescribing:

7 (1) falls within the top ~~one~~ two percent of those prescribing 100 ~~morphine milligrams~~ milligram of
8 ~~morphine~~ equivalents ("MME") per patient per day; or

9 (2) falls within the top ~~one~~ two percent of those prescribing 100 MMEs per patient per day in
10 combination with any benzodiazepine and who are within the top one percent of all controlled
11 substance prescribers by volume.

12 (b) In addition, the Department may report to the Board information regarding prescribers who have had two or
13 more patient deaths in the preceding 12 months due to opioid ~~poisoning~~ poisoning where the prescribers authorized
14 more than 30 tablets of an opioid to the decedent and the prescriptions were written within 60 days of the patient
15 deaths.

16 (c) The Department may submit these reports to the Board upon request and may include the information described
17 in G.S. 90-113.73(b).

18 (d) The reports and communications between the Department and the Board shall remain confidential pursuant to
19 G.S. 90-113.74.

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21 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-113.74;*

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