

CHAPTER 48 – LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION

SUBCHAPTER 48B – LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

SECTION .0100 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

10A NCAC 48B .0103 ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

(a) To receive an accreditation status of "accredited," a local health department must satisfy all of the accreditation standards contained in this Subchapter. In order to satisfy the accreditation standards, the local health department shall satisfy activities under the standards according to the following proportions:

- (1) Standard 1. Agency core functions and essential services:
 - (A) The local health department must satisfy at least 26 of the 29 activities listed in the benchmarks contained in Sections .0200 and .0300 of this Subchapter;
 - (B) The local health department must satisfy at least 23 of the 26 activities listed in benchmarks contained in Sections .0400 through .0600 of this Subchapter;
 - (C) The local health department must satisfy at least 34 of 38 activities listed in the benchmarks contained in Sections .0700 through .1100 of this Subchapter;
- (2) Standard 2. Facilities and administrative services: The local health department must satisfy at least 24 of the 27 activities listed in the benchmarks contained in Section .1200 of this Subchapter; and
- (3) Standard 3. Board of health: The local health department must satisfy at least 24 of the 27 activities listed in the benchmarks contained in Section .1300 of this Subchapter.

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(b) In order to satisfy an activity, the local health department must satisfy all of the requirements prescribed for that activity. Failure to complete any activity requirement associated with an activity means that the activity is not satisfied.

Authority G.S. 130A-34.1.

SECTION .1300 - GOVERNANCE

10A NCAC 48B .1301 BENCHMARK 34

(a) Benchmark: The local board of health shall exercise its authority to adopt and enforce rules necessary to protect and promote the public's health.

(b) Activities:

- (1) The local board of health shall have operating procedures which shall comply with state law.
- (2) The local board of health shall have access to legal counsel.
- (3) The local board of health shall follow the procedures for adopting rules in G.S. 130A-39.
- (4) The local board of health shall evaluate the need for the adoption or amendment of local rules or ordinances.

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10A NCAC 48B .1304 BENCHMARK 37

(a) Benchmark: The local board of health shall assure the development, implementation and evaluation of local health services and programs to protect and promote the public's health.

(b) Activities:

- (1) The local board of health or the consolidated human services director shall assure that a qualified local health director has been appointed in accordance with G.S. 130A-40 or 40.1.
- (2) The local board of health shall approve policies for the administration of local public health programs.
- (3) The local board of health or the consolidated human services director shall describe and define the knowledge, skills, and abilities that must be met by the local health director, consistent with the requirements in G.S. 130A-40.
- (4) The local board of health or the consolidated human services director shall review and approve the job description of the local health director.
- (5) The local board of health or the consolidated human services director shall conduct an annual performance review of the health director.

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- (6) The local board of health [or the consolidated human services director](#) shall approve policies for the recruitment, retention and workforce development for agency staff.

Authority G.S. 130A-34.1.

10A NCAC 48B .1305 BENCHMARK 38

(a) Benchmark: The local board of health shall participate in the establishment of public health goals and objectives.

(b) Activities:

- (1) The local board of health shall annually review reports provided by the local health department on the community's health.
- (2) The local board of health [or the advisory committee on health](#) shall review community health assessment data and citizen input used to plan and monitor progress toward health-related goals.
- (3) The local board of health [or the advisory committee on health](#) shall assure that individuals, agencies, and organizations have the opportunity to participate in the development of goals, objectives and strategies for community health improvement.

Authority G.S. 130A-34.1.

10A NCAC 48B .1306 BENCHMARK 39

(a) Benchmark: The local board of health shall assure the availability of resources to implement the essential services described in G.S. 130A-34.1(e)(2).

(b) Activities:

- (1) The local board of health [or the advisory committee on health](#) shall communicate with the board of county commissioners, units of government and private foundations in support of local health department efforts to secure national, state and local financial resources.
- (2) The local board of health shall review fiscal reports to assure essential services of public health are being provided in accordance with local, state and federal requirements.
- (3) The local board of health shall annually review and approve the local health department budget and approve fees in accordance with G.S. 130A-39(g).
- (4) The local board of health [or the advisory committee on health](#) shall communicate with the board of county commissioners, units of government and private foundations in support of the development, implementation and evaluation of public health programs and a community health improvement process.
- (5) The local board of health shall assure that the proposed budget for the local health department meets maintenance of effort requirement in the consolidated agreement between the Division of Public Health and local health department.

Authority G.S. 130A-34.1.

10A NCAC 48B .1307 BENCHMARK 40

(a) Benchmark: The local board of health [or the advisory committee on health](#) shall advocate in the community on behalf of public health.

(b) Activities:

- (1) The local board of health [or the advisory committee on health](#) shall inform elected officials and community boards about community health issues.
- (2) The local board of health [or the advisory committee on health](#) shall communicate support for the enactment and retention of laws and rules and the development of public health interventions that protect health and ensure safety.

Authority G.S. 130A-34.1.

10A NCAC 48B .1308 BENCHMARK 41

(a) Benchmark: The local board of health [or the advisory committee on health](#) shall promote the development of public health partnerships.

(b) Activities:

- (1) The local board of health [or the advisory committee on health](#) shall take actions to foster community input regarding public health issues.
- (2) The local board of health [or the advisory committee on health](#) shall take actions to foster local health department partnership-building efforts and staff interactions with the community.
- (3) The local board of health [or the advisory committee on health](#) shall take actions to foster the coordination of resources to enhance partnerships and collaboration to achieve public health objectives.

Authority G.S. 130A-34.1.