# **Brad Sutton**

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Subject: RE: Ballentine rest home engineers letter. 40 Rawls Club Rd. Fuquay Varina Harnett Co.

#### Dave,

I am focusing on the 2020 NCEC Article 517 definition of "limited care facility" which states: A building or portion thereof used on a 24 hour basis for the housing of four or more persons who are incapable of self-preservation because of age; physical limitation due to accident or illness; or limitations such as intellectual disability/developmental disability, mental illness, or chemical dependency.

This definition does not mention any medical procedure, but focuses on the ability of self-preservation.

I have spoken to both NCDHSR and NCDOI electrical section, who have both assured me that this building *is not required* to meet Article 517.

I will maintain the letter provided and this email as record and move forward.

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### **Brad**

Hope you have been doing well? Attached you will find the letter that the engineer has sealed. In reference to your comment about the electrical system, article 517 in the NEC covers health care facilities. The definition of a Health Care Facility from the NEC:

"Buildings, portions of buildings, or mobile enclosures in which human medical, dental, psychiatric, nursing, obstetrical, or surgical care is provided."

"Informational Note: Examples of health care facilities include, but are not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, limited care facilities, clinics, medical and dental offices, and ambulatory care centers, whether permanent or movable"

We are not a nursing home and do not provide any procedures, surgery, etc. Nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities are the next level of care above what we have. This is just an assisted living facility and even though nurses are onsite, they do not do any "procedures". If additional care has to be administered the resident is moved to a location with a higher level of care.

Let me know if you have any questions or call me to discuss.

# **Thanks**



From: Brad Sutton < bsutton@harnett.org>
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I have reviewed the letter submitted by Stroud Engineering for the plumbing and electrical changes on the plan for Ballentine rest home. The following must be addressed before acceptance.

- 1. While the document is digitally signed, there is no seal affixed to the letter. The letter must have the engineers seal affixed.
- 2. The electrical systems in this building must meet article 517 of the 2020 NC Electrical code, which does not allow the usage of NM cable outside of very specific areas. You will need to address this issue prior to scheduling rough inspections for electrical.

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