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Thank you, Alex.

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Nadine, she should have received it yesterday. I'll push out another just in case.

Alexander Burgos

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Seth,

There will be three of us attending tomorrow's RRC meeting in person. Would someone please send a WebEx invite to Micheala Mitchell, the CON Section Chief? She will join the meeting virtually.

Thank you.

Nadine Pfeiffer

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Thank you. We will follow up with you on who may be speaking at the meeting on the agency's behalf.

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Attachments:	Staff Opinion Temp Rules 10A NCAC 14C-January 2023.pdf; GS_150B-21.1.pdf; GS_143B-10.pdf; GS_ 131E-177.pdf; GS_131E-183.pdf; Directive II-24 11-08.pdf

Nadine,

Attached is my staff opinion on these rules and the relevant attachments.

Please let me know the names of anyone the agency intends to have speak at the meeting, so the chair knows who to call on.

Sincerely,

Seth Ascher

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Have a nice weekend,

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3 10A NCAC 14C .1403 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

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26 (3) dividing the low birth weight rate identified in <u>Subparagraph</u> (2) of this Paragraph by .08 an	d			
27 subsequently multiplying the resulting quotient by four; and				
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29 product of:				
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31 (B) the quotient resulting from the division of the number of live births in the initial year of th	e			
32 determination identified in <u>Subparagraph</u> (1) of this Paragraph by the number 1000.				
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34 History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-177(1); 131E-183(b);				
35 Temporary Adoption Eff. September 1, 1993 for a period of 180 days or until the permanent rul	e			
36 becomes effective, whichever is sooner;				
37 <i>Eff. January 4, 1994;</i>				

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1	Temporary Amendment Eff. March 15, 2002;
2	Amended Eff. April 1, 2003;
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Thank you for your quick response on clarifying this.

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Nadine,

After consulting with my colleagues, I stand by the interpretation raised in my initial RFC. That is, because G.S. 150B-21.1(a4) specifically requires that "[t]he statement [of need] must be signed by the head of the agency adopting the temporary rule," the general provisions in G.S. 143B-10 do not allow for the delegation of signing the statement of need. Here, if the statement of need is not signed by the "head of the agency adopting the temporary rule," I will have to issue a staff opinion identifying this issue for the Commission.

I recognize that the language in box 10 of the "Temporary Rule-Making Findings of Need" form could be misleading. Regardless of what happens with these particular rules, I will discuss clarifying the form with the Commission Chair and updating guidance to rule-making coordinators.

Separately, if you want to stand by the delegation, I will also need to advise the Commission that the delegation form is unsigned. I am happy to give the Commission the additional context that this is a directive that is posted on the NCDHHS website, but that does not eliminate the need for a signature.

Both of these issues would be cured by having the "head of the agency" sign the statement of need. If the agency does not choose to correct the signature before the Commission meeting, and assuming any other issues are resolved, I could recommend approval conditional upon correcting the signature. I cannot speak to whether that is the action the Commission would decide to take.

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Hi Seth,

Here is the Directive II-24 on the DHHS website for delegating authority to the DHSR Director. As you will see, this copy is the same copy that was submitted with the temporary rules, and it is not signed. <u>https://policies.ncdhhs.gov/departmental/secretarial-directives/delegations/ii-24-delegation-of-authority-to-director-division-of-health-service-regulation</u>

I have not been successful at getting a signed copy from the Department as of this time. I do not recall what files have been sent to archives, but if I still have the older files in my office, I will look through tomorrow to see if I have a signed copy from 2008.

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I'm the attorney who reviewed the Temporary Rules submitted by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for the January 2023 RRC meeting. The RRC will formally review these Rules at its meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be a hybrid of in-person and WebEx attendance, and an evite should be sent to you as we get close to the meeting. If there are any other representatives from your agency who want to attend virtually, let me know prior to the meeting, and we will get evites out to them as well.

Attached are Requests for Changes Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.10. Please submit the revised Rules and forms to me via email, no later than 5 p.m. on January 13, 2023.

In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions of concerns.

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Hi Seth,

Also, what I recall is that you agreed that I could send you a link to the DHHS website that housed the Directive II-24 because you said if it was public information, it would be the most up to date information out here. I just emailed you the web link to that document.

Also something to share with your coworkers is that the 0500 form makes note of the function of the delegation of authority for the rulemaking authority signature under G.S.143B-10(a) that states "(a) Assignment of Functions. - Except as otherwise provided by this Chapter, the head of each principal State department may assign or reassign any function vested in him or in his department to any subordinate officer or employee of his department." For our future rulemaking purposes, if the RRC will not honor this statement for delegation on the form any longer, it will be important to know so we can do the right thing and obtain the correct signature.

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me today on this.

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Nadine,

Thanks for your call earlier related to this request for changes. To summarize what we discussed:

- 1. I am going to discuss with my colleagues at RRC the issue related to the delegation of signature authority for the finding of need under G.S. 150B-21.1(a4). I'll follow up with a more detailed answer afterwards.
- 2. You are going to work on getting me a signed copy of the existing DHHS Directive Number II-24.

Sincerely,

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Thank you!

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