

1 21 NCAC 32M .0117 is proposed for adoption as follows:  
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3 **21 NCAC 32M .0117 REPORTING CRITERIA**

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

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

9 (2) falls within the top one percent of those prescribing 100 MME's per patient per day in combination  
10 with any benzodiazepine and who are within the top one percent of all controlled substance  
11 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 twelve months due to opioid poisoning.

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

16 (d) The reports and communications between the Department and the Board shall remain confidential pursuant to  
17 G.S. 90-16 and G.S. 90-113.74.

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19 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-113.74;  
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