Policy: The NC Local Health Department Accreditation Board shall review all programs, services, and facilities that are governed by the local board of health that are not separately accredited by another entity.

Purpose: To define what programs, services, and facilities will be reviewed under the Accreditation process.

Definitions:

Applicable Law, Rules and References:

Responsible Person(s): The State Accreditation Coordinator shall receive a list and description of all facilities operated by the local health department and governed by the board of health.

Procedures:

1. The local health department will submit a list and description of all facilities that are operated by the local health department and governed by the board of health to the State Accreditation Coordinator within two weeks of receiving their official notification (90 day notice) from the Accreditation Administrator.
2. The State Accreditation Coordinator will review the list with the Accreditation Administrator to determine which facilities will be under accreditation review.
3. The State Accreditation Coordinator may need to schedule a call with the health department’s Agency Accreditation Coordinator (AAC) and/or Health Director to discuss in more detail so that a decision can be made.
4. Facilities that are operated by the health department and are visited by the general public will need to be toured in relation to the accreditation activities that require visual observations. If the facility is only used as office space or storage space and is publicly inaccessible, it will not need to be toured and held to the accreditation standards.
5. If the health department provides staff support at a facility but does not operate the facility, the facility will not be toured and held to the accreditation standards (e.g., jail, school, etc.).
6. Any program or service under consideration for accreditation review that is not accredited by another entity, including home health, will be held to the NC Local Health
Department Accreditation standards. (NOTE: An unaccredited home health agency cannot claim home health accreditation from the NC Local Health Department Accreditation program. The health department is the agency that is granted accreditation status and not any particular program.)

7. The local health department will include all programs and services provided within Activities 22.1 and 22.2.

Reference Plans and Policies: