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Adds new GS 143B-480.4 as title indicates. Requires hospitals and urgent care facilities to provide medically and factually accurate information about emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault, and to provide emergency contraception at the facility if the victim requests it. Provides that the facility is to be reimbursed in full pursuant to GS 143B-480.2. Directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop the necessary information. Provides that victims of sexual assault who do not receive the services required by the act may file complaints with the Department; if the complaint is sustained, directs the Department to issue a written warning and provides for a \$1,000 penalty for each subsequent violation after the first. Effective October 1, 2007.

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