

10A NCAC 27A .0210 PATH-HOMELESS GRANT

(a) The Division shall administer a program of grants for children and adults to area programs called Path-Homeless Grant.

(b) These funds shall be used to provide comprehensive services for homeless individuals who have chronic mental illness. Path-Homeless Grant funds shall be used to develop community mental health and related services to provide treatment and support to homeless mentally ill adults and children consistent with the provisions of Public Law 100-77, Title VI, Subtitle B, Part C and within the following guidelines:

- (1) Homelessness is defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate residence;
- (2) An individual who has a primary residence that is:
 - (A) a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations; or
 - (B) a facility that provides a temporary residence for individuals who would otherwise be institutionalized; or
 - (C) a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- (3) Homelessness does not include any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained under federal or state law.

(c) Eligible adults are individuals who are 18 years of age or older and who have long term, severe disabling mental illness. Long term severe mental illness is defined as a serious and persistent mental or emotional disorder, e.g., schizophrenia, severe depression, manic-depressive disorder, etc. that disrupts functional capacities for relationships and work or school. Persons with long term mental illness complicated by alcohol and or drug abuse problems and individuals who are both mentally ill and mentally retarded are also eligible recipients.

(d) Eligible children are individuals under the age of 18 who either:

- (1) have an emotional disturbance of such severity as to significantly interfere with functioning within the family, school or community environment and to require intensive intervention by mental health or other related agencies; or
- (2) are at high risk of severe emotional disturbance because of severe mental illness or substance abuse in the immediate family or excessive disruption of normal educational and developmental process; or
- (3) are in addition to mental illness, also suffering from an added disability, such as neurological impairment, chemical dependency and or mental retardation.

History Note: Authority G.S. 122C-141; 122C-143.1; 122C-143.2; 122C-47; 122C-147.1; 122C-147.2; Public Law 100-77, Title IV, Subtitle B, Part C; Eff. February 1, 1996; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. June 25, 2016.