

**10A NCAC 27H .0205 LME-MCO OVERSIGHT OF FORENSIC EVALUATOR PROGRAM**

(a) Within available resources, the LME-MCO shall ensure there are local certified forensic evaluators to conduct forensic evaluations to meet the demand for forensic evaluations, based in part upon population served and the number of forensic evaluations ordered by the Court, in its catchment area.

(b) Each LME-MCO shall maintain a list of local certified forensic evaluators who are employed by or contracted by the LME-MCO that includes the mh/dd/sa populations for which each evaluator has reported having expertise, based upon their knowledge, skills, and abilities, to conduct forensic evaluations.

(c) The LME-MCO shall verify that each local certified forensic evaluator meets the requirements set forth in Rule .0203 of this Section.

(d) The LME-MCO shall notify the Pre-Trial Evaluation Center of any changes that would result in termination of certification per Rule .0206 of this Section.

(e) The LME-MCO shall maintain a list, including the number of local forensic evaluations done in each county within its catchment area, the forensic evaluator's name and capacity opinion, the date of the evaluation, the defendant's name, gender, and criminal charge, and provide that list to the Pre-Trial Evaluation Center on a monthly basis.

(f) The LME-MCO shall establish a mechanism to ensure a quality management process is included in the LME-MCO's Quality Improvement System for monitoring the provision of forensic evaluator services conducted by the local certified forensic evaluators in its catchment area. For purposes of this Rule, monitoring consists of the interaction between the LME-MCO and local certified forensic evaluator(s) regarding the completion of forensic evaluations ordered by the Court that includes:

- (1) identifying an individual who is a local certified forensic evaluator who will monitor the overall quality and outcomes of the reports of forensic evaluations completed by other local forensic evaluators;
- (2) establishing a procedure for responding to questions or concerns related to the quality of reports of forensic evaluations completed by local certified forensic evaluators in its catchment area; and
- (3) reviewing documentation to ensure compliance with G.S. 15A-1002, 10A NCAC .6700, and the rules of this Section.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 15A 1002; 122C-114; 122C-115.4(a); 122C-141; 122C-191(b); 143B-147; Eff. July 1, 1982; Amended Eff. May 1, 1990; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 26, 2017; Amended Eff. June 1, 2018.*