

10A NCAC 27H .0304 PROSPECTIVE RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

- (a) Prospective residents and employees of the group home shall be informed that a hepatitis B carrier is, or may at a future time be, residing in the home.
- (b) The group home shall screen prospective residents, who have been accepted for admission, for hepatitis B infection prior to admission; and screen and offer hepatitis B vaccine to all persons accepted for employment within the first 10 days of employment.
- (c) An applicant for admission to a group home shall not be admitted during the period of time that the applicant is a hepatitis B carrier:
 - (1) and currently exhibits behaviors, such as biting, scratching or gouging, which may cause breaks in the skin of self or others; or
 - (2) has special medical problems, such as eczema or other dermatological conditions that increase the risk of others being exposed to the blood or potentially infectious body fluids.
- (d) If a new resident or a new employee is determined to be a hepatitis B carrier and no hepatitis B carriers have previously been placed in, or are employed by, the group home, the procedures in Rule .0303 of this Section shall be followed.
- (e) If a current resident or employee is a hepatitis B carrier, new residents and new employees without antibodies (who are not immune) shall begin the hepatitis B vaccine series before entering the home.
- (f) The procedures in Rule .0303 of this Section for current residents and employees shall be followed for new residents and employees.

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