

**10A NCAC 28C .0304 STORAGE AND PROTECTION OF CLOTHING AND POSSESSIONS**

(a) The state facility shall make a concerted effort to protect the client's personal clothing and possessions from theft, damage, destruction, loss, and misplacement. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- (1) advising the client, upon admission, to deposit jewelry and other valuable articles with the state facility for safe-keeping;
- (2) providing individual locked storage space for the client's own use in accordance with G.S. 122C-62(b)(10) and G.S. 122C-62(d)(8) which will hold a reasonable amount of clothing and other personal possessions. Staff assistance shall be available if the client is unable due to physical or mental inability to manipulate the locking mechanism, except when such storage space is determined to be inappropriate to the treatment regimen by the responsible professional and the reason for that determination is documented in accordance with G.S. 122C-62(e);
- (3) developing an inventory of each client's clothing and personal possessions upon admission and reviewing and updating it annually; and
- (4) discretely marking personal clothing items and, for clients being provided long term care, discretely marking clothing items provided by the state facility with the client's name. Clients who elect to launder their own clothing shall not be required to have clothing marked but shall be informed that they thereby assume the risk of possible loss.

(b) The State Facility Director shall establish policies and procedures for managing clothing and possessions under the state facility's exclusive control. The policy shall also outline procedures for determining loss or damage and for determining any appropriate replacement or reimbursement in accordance with the rules in 10A NCAC 01C, Section .0300.

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