

10A NCAC 28F .0208 GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

- (a) Admission staff shall evaluate the individual to determine that:
- (1) there is the presence of mental illness;
 - (2) the individual is in need of treatment or further evaluation at the facility; and
 - (3) admitting the individual to the hospital is an appropriate treatment modality.
- (b) The individual shall currently reside in the region served by the hospital unless one or more of these exceptions occurs:
- (1) A transient resident of another state who requires hospitalization shall be admitted to the hospital serving the region in which the client is found.
 - (2) A defendant who is ordered to a state mental health facility for determination of capacity to proceed to trial (G.S. 15A-1002) may be admitted to the Forensic Unit at Dorothea Dix Hospital.
 - (3) An individual whose treatment needs have necessitated a cross regional admission from the hospital in his region may be admitted as arranged by the Division's Chief of Mental Health Services or his designee.
 - (4) In case of emergency, a client may be admitted to a hospital outside of the region of residence. Subsequent transfer may include transfer to the appropriate regional hospital and such transfer shall be in accordance with G.S. 122C-206.
 - (5) A client from any catchment area of the state may be considered for admission to the Clinical Research Unit of Dorothy Dix Hospital. In the case of a client of another regional hospital, application shall be made in accordance with G.S. 122C-206.
- (c) An individual shall not be admitted to a hospital if the:
- (1) primary need is custodial care pending rest home or nursing home placement;
 - (2) treatment needs can be met locally;
 - (3) admission is sought primarily because of a lack of living space or financial support; or
 - (4) primary medical or surgical problem can be more appropriately treated in a general hospital.

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