10A NCAC 28F.0212 RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES OF OPINION

(a) Differences of opinion between area authority/county program staff and hospital staff regarding admission, treatment or discharge issues shall be resolved through negotiation involving hospital and area authority/county program staff, clients, legally responsible persons, and with client consent, family members.

(b) If resolution of issues regarding authorization, admission or discharge is not reached by the Directors of the two organizations, the dispute shall be resolved following the procedures as set forth in 10A NCAC 26A .0200; 10A NCAC 27G .0810 through .0812 continuing to the final level of appeal, if necessary, with procedures in G.S. 150B, Article 3 Administrative Hearings.

(c) During the resolution of differences of opinion between area authority/county program and hospital staff, the client shall be provided with the more conservative and secure treatment option.

History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-147; Eff. February 1, 1989; Amended Eff. November 1, 2005; July 1, 1996; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. August 24, 2019.