

SECTION .1000 - CAPACITY

10A NCAC 70E .1001 FOSTER HOME

(a) No more than five children shall reside in any family foster home at any time. These five children include the foster parent's own children, children placed for family foster care, licensed capacity for in-home day care children, children kept for babysitting or any other children residing in the home. Children kept for in-home day care and babysitting are considered residents of the home.

(b) No more than four children including no more than two foster children shall reside in any therapeutic foster home at any time. The four children include the foster parent's own children, children placed for therapeutic foster care, children placed for family foster care or any other children living in the home. Therapeutic foster parents shall not provide in-home day care or baby sitting services in the therapeutic foster home.

(c) Exceptions to the capacity standards in Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Rule may be made:

- (1) if written documentation is submitted to the licensing authority for family foster care that siblings will be placed together and the foster home complies with Subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this Paragraph. The out-of-home family services agreement for each sibling shall specify that siblings will be placed together and shall also address the foster parents' skill, stamina, and ability to care for the children;
- (2) if written documentation is submitted to the licensing authority for therapeutic foster care that siblings will be placed together and the foster home complies with Subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this Paragraph. The person-centered plan or out-of-home family services agreement for each sibling shall specify that siblings shall be placed together and shall also address the foster parents' skill, stamina, and ability to care for the children;
- (3) if written documentation is submitted to the licensing authority that the foster home complies with 10A NCAC 70E .1108; and
- (4) if written documentation is submitted to the licensing authority that the foster home complies with 10A NCAC 70L .0102.

(d) Family foster homes and therapeutic foster homes shall not provide Community Alternative Programs services for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA) as defined in Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, unless the disabled adult was placed in the foster home as a Community Alternatives Programs for Children (CAP C) client as defined in Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act prior to his/her 18th birthday. The disabled adult shall be included in the capacity for the foster home. Family foster homes and therapeutic foster homes shall not provide supervised living services as defined by 10A NCAC 27G .5601.

(e) Members of the household 18 years old and over and not receiving foster care services are not included in capacity, but there shall be physical accommodations in the home to provide them room and board.

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