

#### **10A NCAC 70I .0505 DISCHARGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

(a) A residential child-care facility shall have written discharge policies that will establish the guidelines for terminating the facility's residential care and services to the child and family to include the following:

- (1) opportunity for the parents, guardian or legal custodian to be informed and have opportunity to discuss the decision to discharge the child;
- (2) designation of a timeframe for the child to be discharged which allows sufficient time for the child and facility to prepare for departure and for arrangements to be made for the child's care;
- (3) discharge of a child under 18 years of age only to the parents, guardian or legal custodian;
- (4) completion of a summary within 30 days of discharge, which includes the following:
  - (A) date, time and circumstances of discharge;
  - (B) name, address and telephone number of the parents, guardian, legal custodian or authorized individual to whom the child was discharged;
  - (C) services provided and evaluation;
  - (D) recommendations for needed services; and
  - (E) provision of or referral for after care services.

(b) Upon a child's departure, the residential child-care facility shall provide a copy of the child's educational, medical and dental records, clinical materials (as available) and other related materials to the parents, guardian or legal custodian.

(c) Upon a child's departure, the residential child-care facility shall send all personal clothing and belongings with the child.

(d) Upon a child's departure, the residential child-care facility shall return prescription medications to the person or agency legally authorized to remove the child from residential child-care.

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