10A NCAC 71P .0603 ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION PROCESS

The following steps shall be followed by the County Department in determining eligibility for the State/County Special Assistance Program:

- (1) each eligibility factor as set forth in Rules .0804 and .0805 of this Subchapter shall be reviewed;
- (2) the Caseworker shall verify the applicant's residence in a licensed Adult Care Facility or the Case Manager shall verify the applicant's residence in an in-home living arrangement;
- (3) the applicant shall be asked whether he or she receives SSI benefits. If the applicant's income is less than the Federal Benefit Rate for SSI pursuant to 20 C.F.R. 416.1101, the individual shall also apply for SSI benefits in order to be eligible for the State/County Special Assistance Program. If he or she has not applied for SSI prior to his or her application for the State County Special Assistance Program, he or she shall be asked to apply. The State/County Special Assistance Program application shall not be approved or denied until a decision on the SSI application is received; and
- (4) for applicants of the State/County Special Assistance In-Home Program, the Case Manager shall conduct a comprehensive functional assessment that that shall include the areas set forth in 10A NCAC 71A .0208. This assessment shall determine whether the State/County Special Assistance In-Home Program payment and case management services provided by the Case Manager will be sufficient to meet the needs of the recipient in the home and help prevent placement in an Adult Care Facility. The applicant shall agree to accept case management to be approved for the State/County Special Assistance In-Home Program. The case management services shall be consistent with Individual and Family Adjustment Services pursuant to 10A NCAC 71R .0910(a).

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