

#### **10A NCAC 71R .0915 PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ADULTS**

(a) Primary Service. Protective services for adults are services provided to correct or prevent further abuse, neglect, exploitation or hazardous living conditions of individuals 18 years of age or older or lawfully emancipated minors who are unable to manage their own resources, carry out the activities of daily living or protect their own interests. Services include acceptance and evaluation of reports of the need of individuals for protective services; planning and counseling with such individuals and their relatives or caretakers to identify, remedy or prevent problems which result in abuse, neglect or exploitation; assisting in arranging for appropriate alternate living arrangements in the community or in an institution; and arranging for the provision of medical, legal and other services as needed and appropriate. Also included are assistance in arranging for protective placement, guardianship or commitment when needed as part of the protective services plan, and carrying out the duties of guardian or representative payee when part of a protective services plan; and the provision of medical and psychological diagnostic studies and evaluations where needed to substantiate and assess the circumstances of abuse or neglect. At its option, the county may provide advocacy, including legal services, to assure receipt of rights and entitlements due to adults at risk, and services of lawyers to represent the agency where court action is necessary to protect adults.

(b) Components. None.

(c) Resource Items. None.

(d) Target Population. "Disabled" adults (18 years or older or lawfully emancipated minor) who are unable to manage their own resources, carry out activities of daily living, or protect their own interests.

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