

21 NCAC 30 .0505 CONFIDENTIALITY, ROLES AND BOUNDARIES

In managing the client/therapist relationship, licensees shall:

- (1) maintain the confidentiality of all client information, unless written disclosure is consented to by the client, or required by law or by court order; this shall include protecting the client's identity in all social conversations, advertisements, and in any other manner;
- (2) maintain client files for at least four years after the termination of the client/therapist relationship and store and dispose of client records in a secure manner;
- (3) protect the interests of clients who are minors or who are unable to give informed consent by securing permission from an authorized third party or guardian;
- (4) avoid relationships with the client that could impair professional judgment or result in exploitation of the client.

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