

## SECTION .1400 – SPECIAL CARE UNITS FOR MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

### 10A NCAC 13F .1401 DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIAL CARE UNITS

The following definitions shall apply throughout this Section:

- (1) "Special care unit for persons with a mental health disability" means an entire facility or any section, wing or hallway within an adult care home separated by closed doors from the rest of the home a special care unit as defined in G.S. 131D-4.6, that is, "a wing or hallway within an adult care home, or a program provided by an adult care home," that is designated or advertised especially for special care of residents with a mental health disability.
- (2) "Care coordinator" means a staff person in a special care unit who oversees resident care and coordinates, supervises and evaluates resident services to assure that each resident receives services appropriate to the individual's needs.
- (3) "Mental health disability" means a lessened capacity to use self-control, judgment, and discretion in the conduct of an individual's affairs and social relations that is related to a diagnosed mental illness and which makes it necessary or advisable for the individual to be under treatment for the mental illness and to receive care, supervision, and guidance.

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