

## **SECTION .0200 - ACCEPTANCE AND EVALUATION OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10A NCAC 71A .0201 ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

(a) The county department of social services shall accept all reports alleging an abused, neglected, or exploited disabled adult is in need of protective services. This includes anonymous reports. If the county department determines that the address of the disabled adult given in the report is in another county, the department shall refer the person making the report to the appropriate county department. The county department receiving the original report shall follow up to make sure the appropriate county has received the report.

(b) The department of social services shall make arrangements for 24 hour coverage to receive calls and take appropriate action.

(c) Notwithstanding provisions in 10A NCAC 71A .0801 through .0803, the director may immediately tell the District Attorney's office and local law enforcement agencies when there is reason to believe that physical harm may occur to the disabled adult. This would include sharing evidence of abuse or neglect the agency has to date.

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