

10A NCAC 71A .0203 REPORTS REGARDING COUNTY OFFICIALS

- (a) When a report is received alleging abuse, neglect or exploitation of a disabled adult by a social services board member, department of social services staff member, county commissioner, or the county manager, the county department shall notify the regional office immediately. The regional office will assign the report to another county department for evaluation.
- (b) In addition to specified instances in (a) of this Rule in which reports must be assigned to another county, the county department shall consult the regional office whenever it seems that evaluation of a report may present the appearance of a conflict of interest.
- (c) If the evaluation does not substantiate the report, the department which conducted the evaluation will refer the case back to the county of residence so that alternative services may be offered.
- (d) If the evaluation substantiates the report, the agency which conducted the evaluation will seek authorization for services, including petitioning the court when necessary. The petition shall be filed in the county of residence and shall include the reason for filing by an agency in another county.
- (e) The agency which conducted the evaluation will act as case manager for protective services in coordination with the agency in the county of residence. The county of residence will be responsible for paying for services in accordance with rules in Section .0400 of this Subchapter, and for any expenses for medical, psychological or other examinations and legal services incurred by the county which conducted the evaluation.

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