

21 NCAC 68 .0507 CLIENT WELFARE

- (a) The substance abuse professional shall protect the safety and welfare of the client.
- (b) The substance abuse professional shall inform clients of the nature and direction of loyalties and responsibilities and keep all parties participating in the client's care informed of these commitments.
- (c) The substance abuse professional, in the presence of professional conflict, shall be concerned primarily with the welfare of the client.
- (d) The substance abuse professional shall withdraw services only after giving consideration to all factors in the situation and taking care to minimize adverse actual or possible effects.
- (e) The substance abuse professional shall, after minimizing any adverse impact, end a counseling or consulting relationship when the professional knows or should know that the client is not benefiting from services.
- (f) The substance abuse professional who anticipates the cessation or interruption of service to a client shall notify the client promptly and seek the cessation, transfer, referral, or continuation of service in relation to the client's needs and preferences.
- (g) The substance abuse professional shall not use a client in a demonstration where such participation would foreseeably harm the client.
- (h) The substance abuse professional shall deliver services in a setting that respects client privacy and confidentiality.
- (i) The substance abuse professional shall collaborate with other health care professionals providing treatment or support services to a client.

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