

**10A NCAC 26D .1205 VOLUNTARY REFERRALS AND TRANSFERS**

- (a) Non-emergency referrals shall be forwarded to the mental health or mental retardation professional designated to receive such referrals at the service delivery site to which the client is assigned.
- (b) If the mental health or mental retardation professional determines that the client is in need of services provided at a residential or inpatient unit, the client shall be given:
  - (1) written notice of the reasons for the referral;
  - (2) the expected benefits of the treatment to be received; and
  - (3) his rights as described in Rule .1207 of this Section.
- (c) If the client agrees to a voluntary transfer to the specified residential or inpatient unit, he will be asked to give written consent, with witness by a member of the staff.
- (d) If the client refuses to sign the form, yet verbally agrees, this fact must be documented by two witnesses prior to initiating the transfer to the mental health unit.
- (e) The referring mental health or mental retardation professional shall complete the necessary referral forms and arrange for the client's transfer.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 148-19(d);*

*Eff. January 4, 1994;*

*Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. June 20, 2015.*