

10A NCAC 28F .0702 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of the rules in this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings specified:

- (1) "Certified interpreter" means an interpreter who is certified by the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (NRID), or has received an A or B degree in the North Carolina Interpreter Classification System.
- (2) "Clinical impressions" mean information provided by the Regional Adult Coordinator of Mental Health Services for the Deaf to assist in differentiating psychiatric conditions from the cultural norms of deafness.
- (3) "Deaf client" means an individual who is admitted to a State psychiatric hospital and:
 - (a) has a severe to profound hearing loss;
 - (b) utilizes any modality of sign language as the primary means of communication; or
 - (c) would benefit from a signing environment.
- (4) "Dorothea Dix Hospital Deaf Unit" means the statewide 17-bed co-ed psychiatric unit for deaf adults (age 18 and above) located on the Dorothea Dix Hospital campus.
- (5) "Regional adult coordinator of mental health services for the deaf" means the professional who provides mental health services for deaf adults through the Division's designated regional deaf service centers.

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