

SECTION .0800 – GENERAL RULES FOR MR CENTERS

10A NCAC 28F .0801 VOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS TO MR CENTERS

- (a) The procedures of this Rule shall apply to all state institutions for the mentally retarded.
- (b) Any minor, or parent of any minor, or guardian of any minor may request voluntary admission to a mental retardation facility for such person by signing a standard form requesting voluntary admission. Such forms shall be available at each mental retardation center.
- (c) Any adult, or any incompetent adult's guardian may request voluntary admission for the person to any mental retardation center of the Division by signing a standard form requesting admission for the person to the mental retardation center. Such forms shall be available at each mental retardation center.
- (d) Admissions shall be considered appropriate when community resources to meet the needs of the individual have been explored and it is determined that community services are not available.
- (e) Except in emergency cases, a person shall be admitted only if he has been comprehensively evaluated by an interdisciplinary team of mental retardation specialists.
- (f) All admissions to the regional mental retardation centers shall be considered time limited, goal-oriented, and subject to periodic review to determine the appropriateness of continued treatment, training, or discharge.
- (g) Parents, guardians, and applicants shall be counseled prior to admission on the relative advantages and disadvantages of institutionalization and the goals of treatment or training.
- (h) Any minor resident of a center for the mentally retarded may be removed from the center at any time by the parent or guardian of the minor.
- (i) Any adult resident of a center for the mentally retarded who has been voluntarily admitted and has not been judicially declared to be incompetent may leave the center without permission at any time.
- (j) Except in emergency cases, children less than six years of age shall not be admitted to a center for the mentally retarded.

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