

10A NCAC 28I .0203 INITIATION OF REQUEST FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

(a) Any duly licensed physician who is a staff member of, or is under contract with, the institution may initiate a request for adult protective services when in his opinion the client is in need of medical or surgical treatment without which there is reason to believe the client's life could be threatened or when delay in treatment would cause permanent damage or disability to the client and if:

- (1) in the physician's opinion, the client is not competent to give consent to medical or surgical treatment;
- (2) the client does not have a legal guardian or a guardian as defined in G.S. 122C-3; and
- (3) where the appointment of a legal guardian would take such time as to endanger the client as indicated in this Rule.

(b) When the requirements in (a) of this Rule are met, the physician shall complete Part I of the request form. Information on the form shall be complete and indicate:

- (1) the current condition of the client;
- (2) needed intervention;
- (3) probable implications if intervention is delayed; and
- (4) if the situation constitutes an emergency and, if so, the reasons for the emergency.

History Note: Authority G.S. 108A-99 through 108A-111; 122C-57; 122C-61; 131-60.6; 143B-147; Eff. October 8, 1980; Amended Eff. April 1, 1990; July 1, 1983; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. August 24, 2019.