

**10A NCAC 71J .0107      SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY FOR OPTIONAL RESOURCES**

(a) In addition to meeting basic eligibility criteria, under the Social Services Block Grant (Title XX), as described in 10A NCAC 71R an individual must, in order to be eligible for the optional resources described in 71J .0108 - .0111 also be determined to be either aging, disabled or handicapped in accordance with the specified definitions.

(b) Age must be verified by:

- (1) a birth certificate,
- (2) a hospital record or certificate,
- (3) social security administration records, or
- (4) the client's notarized affidavit.

(c) The existence of a disability or handicap must be established on the basis of a professional diagnosis by a person or authority competent to make such a diagnosis. For purposes of determining initial eligibility, documentation of a diagnosis of disability made within the past 12 months is acceptable. Documentation that the individual is receiving supplemental security income benefits is sufficient for establishing the existence of a disability. The continuing existence of a disability must be re-documented every 12 months unless medical evidence would indicate the need to redocument more often. With respect to handicaps, the record must document that a diagnosis of permanent impairment has been made. Re-evaluation of a handicap is not required unless there is reason to believe that the character of the impairment may have changed.

*History Note:      Authority G.S. 143B-153;*

*Eff. July 1, 1984;*

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*Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 20, 2017.*