

**10A NCAC 71L .0107 ASSESSING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF ALTERNATIVE TYPES OF LIVING ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS**

(a) The Pregnancy Services caseworker shall evaluate the appropriateness of any community living arrangement based upon the aspects set forth in Paragraph (c) of this Rule for which the State Maternity Fund is requested, whether it is a boarding arrangement, the home of a non-legally responsible relative, or a licensed family foster home.

(b) When residential care in a family foster home is being considered for a minor, the Pregnancy Services caseworker shall request the assistance of the Foster Care Services staff in determining whether a home is available, and complete an assessment of the placement for the pregnant client and for all other persons residing in the home. A decision shall be reached by the Foster Care worker and the Pregnancy Services caseworker as to the individual assuming responsibility for case management.

(c) The following aspects of a community living arrangement shall be explored in determining the appropriateness for individual placements:

- (1) Location and surroundings;
- (2) Physical environment;
- (3) Emotional environment;
- (4) Stability of living arrangement; and
- (5) Emergency transportation.

(d) Living arrangements for an expectant mother for whom the State Maternity Fund is being requested shall be selected on the basis of an assessment of the client's individual circumstances and service needs.

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