

**10A NCAC 70H .0406 NOTIFICATION REGARDING PREPLACEMENT ASSESSMENT**

- (a) The agency shall notify the client who was the subject of a preplacement assessment whether the assessment was favorable or unfavorable within 30 days after the agency completes the assessment.
- (b) The agency shall share with the client the specific reasons a child cannot be placed in their home if the preplacement assessment is unfavorable.
- (c) The client may request an internal review by the executive director of the adoption agency if the client disagrees with the unfavorable preplacement assessment.
- (d) The client may file a response with the Division of Social Services, Adoption Unit, and the adoption agency after exhausting the agency's procedures for internal review. The Division of Social Services, Adoption Unit, shall acknowledge receipt of the response within 30 days, but has no authority to take any action with respect to the response. A copy of the response shall be attached to the unfavorable preplacement assessment.
- (e) The Division of Social Services, Adoption Unit shall notify the county department of social services of an unfavorable preplacement assessment and the county department of social services shall take appropriate action regarding any child placed in the home of the prospective adoptive parent who is the subject of an unfavorable assessment.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 48-3-303; 131D-10.5; 143B-153;  
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