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Subject: Attachments: FW: 10 NCAC 13G 10A NCAC 13G .1102.docx; 10A NCAC 13G .1103.docx

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Subject: RE: 10 NCAC 13G

Hello,

Attached are the updated 13G .1102 and .1103 rules. Thank you for your consideration!

Best, Taylor Corpening Rule-making Coordinator Division of Health Service Regulation NC Department of Health and Human Services

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It is my intention to recommend approval of the attached rule.

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Here you go!

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Hi Taylor,

If you will remove the "note" from page 2, Lines 1-3 of the above captioned rule it should be good to go. (Just as you did in 10A NCAC 13F .0704)

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It is my intention to recommend approval of the attached rules as revised.

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Hello,

Attached are updated versions of rule 13F .1103 and .1104. Have a great weekend!

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It is my intention to recommend approval of the attached rules as revised.

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- 1 2
- 10A NCAC 13G .1102 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:
- 3 10A NCAC 13G .1102 LEGAL AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PAYEE
 - 4 (a) In situations where the facility determines a resident of a family care home is unable to manage his funds, their
 - 5 <u>monetary funds</u> the administrator shall contact a family member, <u>responsible person</u>, or the county department of
 - 6 social services regarding the need for a legal representative or payee. <u>authorized representative</u>. For the purposes of
 - 7 this [Rule,] Section, an "authorized representative" shall mean a person who is legally authorized or designated in
 - 8 writing by the resident to act on his or her behalf in the management of their funds. The administrator and other staff
 - 9 of the home [facility] shall not serve as a resident's legal [authorized] representative, payee, or executor of a will,
 - 10 except as indicated in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.
 - 11 (b) The administrator and other staff of the facility shall not serve as a resident's authorized representative, payee, or
 - 12 <u>executor of a will, except in In</u> the case of funds administered by the Social Security Administration, the Veteran's

13 Administration or other federal government agencies, the agencies. The administrator of the home facility may serve

- 14 as a payee when so authorized as a legally constituted authority by the respective federal agencies.
- 15 (c) The administrator shall give the resident's legal <u>authorized</u> representative or payee receipts for any monies received
- 16 on behalf of the resident.
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- 18 History Note: Authority G.S. 35A-1203; 108A-37; 131D-2.16; 143B-165;
 - Eff. January 1, 1977;
- 20 Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
- 21 Amended Eff. July 1, 2005; April 1, 1984. <u>1984;</u>
- 22 <u>Readopted Eff. [January 1, 2024.]</u> June 1, 2024.

- 1 2
- 10A NCAC 13G .1103 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:
- 3 10A NCAC 13G .1103 ACCOUNTING FOR RESIDENT'S PERSONAL FUNDS
 - 4 (a) To document a resident's receipt of the State-County Special Assistance personal needs allowance after payment
 - 5 of the cost of care, a statement shall be signed by the resident or marked by the resident with two witnesses' signatures.
 - 6 resident. If the statement is marked by the resident, there shall be one witness signature. For residents who have been
 - 7 adjudicated incompetent, the signature of the resident's authorized representative shall be required. Witnesses cannot
 - 8 <u>include the staff handling the residents' personal funds transactions.</u> The statement shall be maintained in the home.
 - 9 <u>facility.</u>
 - 10 (b) Upon the written authorization of the resident or his legal representative or payee, [their authorized representative,]
 - 11 an administrator or the administrator's designee may handle the personal money for a resident, provided an accurate
 - 12 accounting of monies received and disbursed and the balance on hand is available upon request of the resident or his
 - 13 legal representative or payee. [their authorized representative during the facility's established business days and
 - 14 hours.] No employee of a facility shall handle the personal funds for a resident, except for the facility administrator
 - 15 or the administrator's designee after having received prior written authorization from the resident or the resident's
 - 16 authorized representative. The facility administrator or their designee shall maintain an accurate account balance and
 - 17 accounting of all funds received, disbursements, and the balance on hand which shall be available upon request to the
 - 18 resident or their authorized representative during the facility's regular business office hours.
 - 19 (c) A record of each transaction involving the use of the resident's personal funds according to Paragraph (b) of this
 - 20 Rule shall be signed by the resident, legal representative or payee [the resident or the resident's authorized
 - 21 representative,] or marked by the resident, if not adjudicated incompetent, with two witnesses' signatures [resident,]
 - 22 at least monthly verifying the accuracy of the disbursement of personal funds. [If marked by the resident, there shall
 - 23 be one witness signature. For residents who have been adjudicated incompetent, the facility shall provide the resident's
 - 24 authorized representative with a copy of the monthly resident's funds statement and shall obtain verification of receipt.
 - 25 The record records shall be maintained in the home. facility.] The facility shall provide each resident or the resident's
 - 26 <u>authorized representative a written monthly accounting of the resident's funds handled by the administrator or the</u>
 - 27 administrator's designee. The facility shall maintain at the facility a record signed by the resident or their authorized
 - 28 representative indicating whether the resident or their authorized representative agrees that the monthly accounting is
 - 29 accurate. The records shall be maintained by the facility for at least one year.
 - 30 (d) A resident's personal funds shall not be commingled with facility funds. The facility shall not commingle the
 - 31 personal funds of residents in an interest-bearing account.
 - 32 (e) All or any portion of a resident's personal funds shall be available to the resident or his legal their authorized
 - 33 representative or payee upon request during regular office hours, the facility's established business days and hours
 - 34 except as provided in Rule .1105 of this Subchapter.
 - 35 (f) The resident's personal needs allowance shall be credited to the resident's account within 24 hours of the check
 - 36 being deposited following endorsement. one business day of the funds being available in the facility's resident personal
 - 37 <u>funds account.</u>

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2	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 143B-165;
3		Eff. April 1, 1984;
4		Amended Eff. July 1, 2005; April 1, 1987. <u>1987;</u>
5		<u>Readopted Eff. [January 1, 2024.</u>] June 1, 2024.

Subject: Attachments: FW: 10 NCAC 13F

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Hello,

Attached are the responses to the Request for Changes as well as the revised rules for Subchapter F. I will respond with the responses for Subchapter G in the correct email chain.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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<u>Request for Changes Pursuant to</u> <u>N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.10</u>

Staff reviewed these Rules to ensure that each Rule is within the agency's statutory authority, reasonably necessary, clear and unambiguous, and adopted in accordance with Part 2 of the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act. Following review, staff has issued this document that may request changes pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.10 from your agency or ask clarifying questions.

Questions contained herein suggest that the rule as written is unclear or there is some ambiguity. If this document includes questions and you do not understand the question, please contact the reviewing attorney to discuss. Failure to respond may result in a staff opinion recommending objection.

Staff may suggest the agency "consider" an idea or language in this document. This is in no way a formal request that the agency adopt the idea or language but rather is offered merely for the agency's consideration which the agency may find preferable and clarifying.

To properly submit rewritten rules, please refer to the following Rules in the NC Administrative Code:

- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0108 The Rule addresses general formatting.
- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0404 The Rule addresses changing the introductory statement.
- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0405 The Rule addresses properly formatting changes made after publication in the NC Register.

Note the following general instructions:

- 1. You must submit the revised rule via email to <u>oah.rules@oah.nc.gov</u> and copy RRC Counsel. The electronic copy must be saved as the official rule name (XX NCAC XXXX).
- 2. For rules longer than one page, insert a page number.
- **3**. Use line numbers; if the rule spans more than one page, have the line numbers reset at one for each page.
- 4. Do not use track changes. Make all changes using manual strikethroughs, underlines and highlighting.
- 5. You cannot change just one part of a word. For example:
 - Wrong: "<u>aA</u>ssociation"
 - Right: "association <u>Association</u>"
- 6. Treat punctuation as part of a word. For example:
 - Wrong: "day<u>;</u> and"
 - Right: "day, day; and"
- 7. Formatting instructions and examples may be found at: www.ncoah.com/rules/examples.html

If you have any questions regarding proper formatting of edits after reviewing the rules and examples, please contact the reviewing attorney.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Care Commission

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 13F .0703

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: December 8, 2023

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may email the reviewing attorney to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

Page 2, Line 2: While it is implied that form FL-2 consists of Paragraph (e)(1)-(7), it is not clear. Does FL-2 consist solely of the items required in Paragraph (e)(1)-(7)? If so, Page 2, Line 2 should read, "The FL-2 and the medical examination shall consist of..." The contents of the medical examination as required in Paragraph (e)(1)-(7) is what is solely documented on the FL-2 form.

Page 2, Line 33: G.S. 13D-9 does not exist. Changed to G.S. 131D-9.

Page 2, Lines 32-33: If G.S. 131D-9 requires immunization, why is Paragraph (i) necessary? Including the requirements and reference to the general statute in this Rule provides clarity and is useful to providers.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Care Commission

RULE CITATION: 10 NCAC 13F .0704

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

Page 1, Line 11: Change "include" to "consist of". Done.

Page 1, Lines 33-35: Explain why this "note" is necessary? The language is permissive in nature without any restriction prohibiting the activity. Why wouldn't facilities be able to accept payments from a third party? There seems to be some history here, what would we like to prohibit? Note removed from rule.

Page 2, Line 17: Change "include" to "consist of". Done

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Care Commission

RULE CITATION: 10 NCAC 13F .1103

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: December 8, 2023

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

Page 1, Line 4: Who determines when the resident is "unable to manage" their finances? Changed to include if "the facility determines" a resident is unable to manage their monetary funds...

Page 1, Line 5: What happens if the resident has stated, either in writing or verbally, that the resident's family is not to be notified? What if the resident has designated a non-family member as the point of contact or has an attorney-in-fact designated? Changed to include "responsible person".

Page 1, Lines 7-8: As written, an incompetent resident could sign the written authorization. Was that the Commission's intention? No, the intent was to clarify the term authorized representative to include individuals who are legally authorized such as a Power or Attorney or legal guardian or whomever the resident designates in order to comply with G.S. 131D-21(13).

Page 1, Lines 8-9: This line seems like it should be part of Paragraph (b). Line removed and added to Paragraph (b)

Page 1, Line 13: The administrator is required to give the payee of any monies receipts? Please explain. Any money that the facility received for the resident, a receipt shall be given to the facility. For instance, if the authorized representative pays the facility \$1,000 for room and board. The facility has to provide the authorized representative a receipt.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609. REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Care Commission

RULE CITATION: 10 NCAC 13F .1104

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

Page 1, Lines 7, 10, 13: Define "authorized representative". Language changed in 13F .1102 to "for the purposes of this Section [authorized representative] means" so that the term does not need to be defined in each Rule.

Page 1, Lines 10-14: The language is permissive in nature and their does not appear to be an restriction which would prohibit the activity. Changed for clarity, see below.

Consider, "No employee of a facility shall handle a resident's monies, except for the facility administrator or the administrator's designee after having received prior written authorization from the resident or the resident's lawful representative. The facility shall maintain an accurate account balance and accounting of all receipts and disbursements, which shall be available upon request to the resident or their lawful representative during the facility's regular business office hours. Changed to "No employee of a facility shall handle the personal money for a resident, except for the facility administrator or the administrator's designee after having received prior written authorization from the resident or the resident's authorized representative. The facility administrator or their designee shall maintain an accurate account balance and accounting of all funds received, disbursements, and the balance on hand which

shall be available upon request to the resident or their authorized representative during the facility's regular business office hours."

Page 1, Lines 15-21: Here the Commission uses the term "personal funds" but Paragraph (b) states "personal monies". Unless the Commission is addressing different things, be consistent with the terms. Changed personal monies throughout this rule to "personal funds" for consistency.

Page 1, Lines 15-21: As written, the resident must verify the accuracy of the "disbursement of personal funds" but the authorized representative is only verifying receipt of the record. Is that what the Commission intended? No, the when residents have been adjudicated incompetent the facility provides the representative with a copy of the funds statement and the facility is responsible for obtaining verification that the statement was received. For instance, if the funds statement was sent via email, an email from the representative back to the facility indicating "received" would acknowledge their receipt.

Page 1, Lines 15-21: The passive voice is used. Consider, "The facility shall provide each resident or the resident's lawful representative a written monthly accounting of the resident's monies handled by the administrator or the administrator's designee. The facility shall maintain at the facility a record signed by the resident or their lawful representative indicating whether the resident or their lawful representative agree that the monthly accounting is accurate. Done.

Page 1, Lines 15-21: How long must the records be maintained? Changed to a minimum of one year.

Page 1, Lines 22-23: As written, the facility can commingle a resident's funds with other residents' funds so long as it is a non-interest baring account. Is that correct? The facility can hold a resident's funds in an interest baring account so long as no other resident's funds are in that account. Is that correct? Who gets the interest? No, resident's funds cannot be commingled with the facility funds and are not to be comingled in an interest-bearing account.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Care Commission

RULE CITATION: 10 NCAC 13F .1106

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: December 8, 2023

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

Generally, to the rule: It appears that the Commission is attempting to regulate contractual obligations between the facilities and residents. It does not appear that the

Commission has authority over residents, or at least not a viable enforcement mechanism. The Commission We have changed the requirement to be directed to the facility. There is no enforcement against any former residents. Any enforcement will be against the facility.

Page 1, Line 4-6: This is grammatically incorrect. Consider changing. *Re-written for clarity*.

Page 1, Lines 11-13: Explain the Commission's authority over former residents or to determine or adjudicate the contractual obligations of a former resident. Also, explain how this will be enforced. What will the Commission or department do in the event of non-payment? We have changed the requirement to be directed to the facility. There is no enforcement against any former residents. Any enforcement will be against the facility.

Page 1, Lines 11-12: It is unclear whether moving out pursuant to .0702(i) is an example of a resident moving out without giving notice, or whether the paragraph applies in this exclusive circumstance. It can be read two ways. Changed "if" to "when" for clarity as this is an exclusive circumstance.

Page 1, Lines 13-15: "Entitled" from whom? Removed "entitled" and rewrote sentence for clarity.

Page 1, Lines 13-15: Explain the Commission's authority over former residents or to determine or adjudicate the contractual obligations of a former resident. We have changed the requirement to be directed to the facility. There is no enforcement against any former residents. Any enforcement will be against the facility.

Page 1, Lines 18-20: Explain the Commission's authority over former residents or to determine or adjudicate the contractual obligations of a former resident. We have changed the requirement to be directed to the facility. There is no enforcement against any former residents. Any enforcement will be against the facility.

Page 1, Line 18: If it meets the intention of the Commission, remove the comma after "notice". If it does not meet the Commission's intention, explain why. Comma removed after notice.

Page 1, Line 22-23: Rule .0702(i) does not require notice. It is unclear what the Commission intends by the inclusion of the reference. We are referencing the exception to the discharge notice. Rule .0705 (i) references exceptions regarding a discharge notice "Exceptions to the required notice are cases in which a delay in discharge or transfer would jeopardize the health or safety of the resident or others in the facility." Rule .0705 has been amended to be readopted effective 4/1/24.

Page 1, Lines 26-37, and Page 2, Lines 1-12: Paragraph (e) is poorly written and is confusing. It should be re-written. Lines 1-14 of Paragraph (e) re-written for clarity.

Line 26: Who determines the intent? Clarified to include the resident or his or her responsible person

Page 1, Lines 27 and 31: The Commission is using permissive language when there does not appear to be a restriction. Put another way, in the absence of a restriction, the parties to an agreement can agree as they will. Permissive language removed, to clarify the restriction and state the current requirements.

Page 1, Lines 33-35: I think the Commission is attempting to prohibit facilities from enforcing any notice requirements unless those requirements are explained the resident or their lawful representative, provided in writing and signed by the resident or their lawful representative. However, it is unclear. Changed the sentence structure for clarity.

Page 2, Line 4: Change "may" to "shall". This would be clearer and more concise if put in the active voice. Done.

Page 2, Lines 13-15: A refund shall be given by whom? This would be clearer and more concise if put in the active voice. "The adult day care facility shall provide a refund of.... Changed to "<u>The facility shall provide the refund to the authorized</u> representative with 14 days after the resident leaves the facility or within 30 days after the resident's death."

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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- 10A NCAC 13F .0703 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:
- 3 10A NCAC 13F .0703 TUBERCULOSIS TEST, MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATIONS 4 (a) Upon admission to an adult care home each resident shall be tested for tuberculosis disease in compliance with 5 the control measures adopted by the Commission for Public Health as specified in 10A NCAC 41A .0205 including 6 subsequent amendments and editions. Copies of the rule are available at no charge by contacting the Department of Health and Human Services, Tuberculosis Control Program, 1902 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 7 27699 1902. 8 9 (b) Each resident shall have a medical examination completed by a licensed physician or physician extender prior to 10 admission to the facility and annually thereafter. For the purposes of this Rule, "physician extender" means a licensed 11 physician assistant or licensed nurse practitioner. The medical examination completed prior to admission shall be used 12 by the facility to determine if the facility can meet the needs of the resident. 13 (c) The results of the complete examination required in Paragraph (b) of this Rule are to be entered on the FL 2, North 14 Carolina Medicaid Program Long Term Care Services, or MR 2, North Carolina Medicaid Program Mental 15 Retardation Services, which shall comply with the following: The examining date recorded on the FL 2 or MR 2 shall be no more than 90 days prior to the person's 16 (1)17 admission to the home. 18 (2)The FL 2 or MR 2 shall be in the facility before admission or accompany the resident upon 19 admission and be reviewed by the facility before admission except for emergency admissions. 20 (3)In the case of an emergency admission, the medical examination and completion of the FL 2 or MR-21 2 as required by this rule shall be within 72 hours of admission as long as current medication and 22 treatment orders are available upon admission or there has been an emergency medical evaluation, 23 including any orders for medications and treatments, upon admission. If the information on the FL 2 or MR 2 is not clear or is insufficient, the facility shall contact the 24 (4)physician for clarification in order to determine if the services of the facility can meet the 25 26 individual's needs. The completed FL 2 or MR 2 shall be filed in the resident's record in the home. 27 (5)28 (6)If a resident has been hospitalized, the facility shall have a completed FL 2 or MR 2 or a transfer form or discharge summary with signed prescribing practitioner orders upon the resident's return to 29 30 the facility from the hospital. 31 The medical examination shall be completed no more than 90 days prior to the resident's admission to the facility, 32 except in the case of emergency admission. 33 (d) In the case of an unplanned, emergency admission, the medical examination of the resident shall be conducted 34 within 72 hours after admission. Prior to an emergency admission, the facility shall obtain current medication and 35 treatment orders from a licensed physician or physician extender. 36 (e) The result of the medical examination required in Paragraph (b) of this Rule shall be documented on the North 37 Carolina Medicaid Adult Care Home FL-2 form which is available at no cost on the Department's Medicaid website

1	at https://medic	at https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/media/6549/open. The Adult Care Home FL-2 shall be signed and dated by the		
2	physician or ph	physician or physician extender completing the medical examination. The medical examination shall include the		
3	following:			
4	<u>(1)</u>	resident's identification information, including the resident's name, date of birth, sex, admission		
5		date, county and Medicaid number, current facility and address, physician's name and address, a		
6		relative's name and address, current level of care, and recommended level of care;		
7	<u>(2)</u>	resident's admitting diagnoses, including primary and secondary diagnoses and dates of onset;		
8	(3)	resident's current medical information, including orientation, behaviors, personal care assistance		
9		needs, frequency of physician visits, ambulatory status, functional limitations, information related		
10		to activities and social needs, neurological status, bowel and bladder functioning status, manner of		
11		communication of needs, skin condition, respiratory status, and nutritional status including orders		
12		for therapeutic diets:		
13	<u>(4)</u>	special care factors, including physician orders for blood pressure, diabetic urine testing, physical		
14		therapy, range of motion exercises, a bowel and bladder program, a restorative feeding program,		
15		speech therapy, and restraints;		
16	(5)	resident's medications, including the name, strength, dosage, frequency and route of administration		
17		of each medication;		
18	<u>(6)</u>	results of x-rays or laboratory tests determined by the physician or physician extender to be		
19		necessary information related to the resident's care needs; and		
20	<u>(7)</u>	additional information as determined by the physician or physician extender to be necessary for the		
21		care of the resident.		
22	(f) If the inform	mation on the Adult Care Home FL-2 is not clear or is insufficient, or information provided to the		
23	facility related t	to the resident's condition or medications after the completion of the medical examination conflicts		
24	with the information provided on the Adult Care Home FL-2, the facility shall contact the physician or physician			
25	extender for clarification in order to determine if the facility can meet the individual's needs.			
26	(g) The results of the medical examination shall be maintained in the resident's record in accordance with Rule .1201			
27	of this Subchapter. Discharge medication orders shall be clarified in accordance with Rule .1002(a) of this Subchapter.			
28	(h) Upon a resident's return to the facility from a hospitalization, the facility shall obtain and review the hospital			
29	discharge summary or discharge instructions, including any discharge medication orders. If the facility identifies			
30	discrepancies between the discharge orders and current orders at the facility, the facility shall clarify the discrepancies			
31	with the resident's physician or physician extender.			
32	(d)(i) Each resident shall be immunized against pneumococcal disease and annually against influenza virus according			
33	to G.S. <mark>13D-9, 1</mark>	131D-9, except as otherwise indicated in this law.		
34	(e)The facility s	hall make arrangements for any resident, who has been an inpatient of a psychiatric facility within 12		
35	months before e	ntering the home and who does not have a current plan for psychiatric care, to be examined by a local		
36	physician or a physician in a mental health center within 30 days after admission and to have a plan for psychiatric			
37	follow-up care v	when indicated.		

1	(j) The facility	shall make arrangements for a resident to be evaluated by a licensed mental health professional,
2	licensed physici	an or licensed physician extender for follow-up psychiatric care within 30 days of admission or re-
3	admission to the	facility when the resident:
4	<u>(1)</u>	has been an inpatient of a psychiatric facility within 12 months prior to admission to the facility and
5		does not have a current plan for follow-up psychiatric care; or
6	(2)	has been hospitalized due to threatening or violent behavior, suicidal ideation or self-harm, or other
7		psychiatric symptoms that required hospitalization within 12 months prior to admission to the
8		facility and does not have a current plan for follow-up psychiatric care.
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10	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 143B-165;
11		Temporary Adoption Eff. September 1, 2003;
12		Eff. June 1, 2004. <u>2004:</u>
13		<u>Readopted Eff. [<mark>January 1, 2024.</mark>]J<u>une 1, 2024.</u></u>

1 2 10A NCAC 13F .0704 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

310A NCAC 13F.0704RESIDENT CONTRACT, INFORMATION ON HOME FACILITY, AND4RESIDENT REGISTER

5 (a) An adult care home administrator or administrator in charge or their management designee shall furnish and 6 review with the resident or responsible person the resident's authorized representative as defined in Rule .1103 of this 7 Subchapter information on the home facility upon admission and when changes are made to that information. The 8 facility shall involve the resident in the review of the resident contract and information on the facility unless the 9 resident is cognitively unable to participate in the discussion. A statement indicating that this information has been 10 received upon admission or amendment as required by this Rule shall be signed and dated by each person to whom it 11 is given and retained in the resident's record in the home facility. The information shall include consist of the 12 following: 13 (1)the resident contract to which the following applies: 14 (A) the contract shall specify rates charges for resident services and accommodations, 15 including the cost of different levels of service, if applicable, description of levels of care 16 and services, and any other charges or fees; 17 (B) the contract shall disclose any health needs or conditions that the facility has determined it 18 cannot meet pursuant to G.S. 131D 2(a1)(4); meet; 19 the contract shall be signed and dated by the administrator or administrator in charge (C) 20 management designee and the resident or responsible person, the resident's authorized 21 representative, a copy given to the resident or responsible person the resident's authorized 22 representative and a copy kept in the resident's record; 23 (D) the resident or responsible person the resident's authorized representative shall be notified as soon as any change is known, but not less than 30 days before the change for rate changes 24 initiated by the facility, of any changes in the contract given a written 30-day notice prior 25 26 to any change in charges for resident services and accommodations, including the cost of 27 different levels of service, description of level of care and services, and any other charges 28 or fees, and be provided an amended contract or an amendment to the contract for review 29 and signature; confirmation of receipt; 30 (E) gratuities in addition to the established rates shall not be accepted; and 31 (F) the maximum monthly adult care home rate that may be charged to Special Assistance 32 recipients is as established by the North Carolina Social Services Commission and the 33 North Carolina General Assembly. 34 Note: Facilities may accept payments for room and board from a third party, such as family member, charity or faith community, if the payment is made voluntarily to supplement the cost of room and board for the added benefit of a 35 private room or a private or semi-private room in a special care unit. 36

1	(2)	a written copy of all house rules, including facility policies on smoking, alcohol consumption,
2		visitation, refunds and the requirements for discharge of residents consistent with the rules of this
3		Subchapter, and amendments disclosing any changes in the house rules; rules. The house rules shall
4		be in compliance with G.S. 131D-21;
5	(3)	a copy of the Declaration of Residents' Rights as found in G.S. 131D-21;
6	(4)	a copy of the home's facility's grievance procedures which that shall indicate how the resident is to
7		present complaints and make suggestions as to the home's facility's policies and services on behalf
8		of himself <u>or herself</u> or others; and
9	(5)	a statement as to whether the home facility has signed Form DSS-1464, Statement of Assurance of
10		Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for Other Agencies, Institutions,
11		Organizations or Facilities, and which shall also indicate that, if the home facility does not choose
12		to comply or is found to be in non compliance, non-compliant, the residents of the home facility
13		would not be able to receive State-County Special Assistance for Adults and the home facility would
14		not receive supportive services from the county department of social services.
15	(b) The admir	nistrator or administrator in charge their management designee and the resident or the resident's
16	responsible pers	tion representative shall complete and sign the Resident Register initial assessment within 72 hours of
17	the resident's ad	Imission to the facility and revise the information on the form as needed. in accordance with G.S.
18	<u>131D-2.15. The</u>	facility shall involve the resident in the completion of the Resident Register unless the resident is
19	cognitively unal	ble to participate. The Resident Register shall [include] consist of the following:
20	<u>(1)</u>	resident's identification information including the resident's name, date of birth, sex, admission
21		date, medical insurance, family and emergency contacts, advanced directives, and physician's name
22		and address;
23	(2)	resident's current care needs including activities of daily living and services, use of assistive aids,
24		orientation status;
25	(3)	resident's preferences including personal habits, food preferences and allergies, community
26		involvement, and activity interests;
27	<u>(4)</u>	resident's consent and request for assistance including the release of information, personal funds
28		management, personal lockable space, discharge information, and assistance with personal mail;
29	(5)	name of the individual identified by the resident who is to receive a copy of the notice of discharge
30		per G.S. 131D-4.8; and
31	<u>(6)</u>	resident's consent including a signature confirming the review and receipt of information contained
32		in the form.
33	The Resident Re	egister is available on the internet website, https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/acls/pdf/resregister.pdf or at
34	no charge from	the Division of Health Service Regulation, Adult Care Licensure Section, 2708 Mail Service Center,
35	Raleigh, NC 274	699 2708. charge. The facility may use a resident information form other than the Resident Register
36	as long as it cont	tains at least the same information as the Resident Register. Information on the Resident Register shall
37	be kept updated	and maintained in the resident's record.

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2	History Note:	Authority <u>131D-2.15;</u> 131D-2.16; 143B-165;
3		Temporary Adoption Eff. July 1, 2004;
4		Eff. July 1, 2005.
5		Amended Eff. April 1, 2022. <u>2022;</u>
6		<u>Readopted Eff. [<mark>January 1, 2024.</mark>]June 1, 2024</u> .

1	10A NCAC 13I	F.1103 is proposed for amendment as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 13	F.1103 LEGAL AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PAYEE
4	(a) In situations	s where <u>the facility determines</u> a resident of an adult care home is unable to manage his <u>their monetary</u>
5	funds, the admi	nistrator shall contact a family member the resident's responsible person or the county department of
6	social services	regarding the need for a legal representative or payee. an authorized representative. For the purposes
7	of this Rule, an "authorized representative" shall mean a person who is legally authorized or designated in writing by	
8	the resident to act on his or her behalf in the management of their funds. The administrator and other staff of the home	
9	<u>facility</u> shall no	<mark>t serve as a resident's</mark> legal [<mark>authorized</mark>] <mark>representative, payee, or executor of a will, except as indicated</mark>
10	<mark>in Paragraph (b</mark>) of this Rule.
11	(b) The admin	istrator and other staff of the home facility shall not serve as a resident's authorized representative.
12	payee, or execu	itor of a will except in In the case of funds administered by the Social Security Administration, the
13	Veteran's Admi	nistration or other federal government agencies, the <u>agencies. The</u> administrator of the home <u>facility</u>
14	may serve as a payee when so authorized as a legally constituted authority by the respective federal agencies.	
15	(c) The administrator shall give the resident's legal authorized representative or payee receipts for any monies received	
16	on behalf of the resident.	
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18	History Note:	Authority G.S. 35A-1203; 108A-37; 131D-2.16; 143B-165;
19		Eff. July 1, 2005;
20		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 6,
21		2018. <u>2018;</u>

22 <u>Amended Eff.</u> [January 1, 2024.] June 1, 2024.

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10A NCAC 13F .1104 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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10A NCAC 13F .1104 ACCOUNTING FOR RESIDENT'S PERSONAL FUNDS

- 4 (a) To document a resident's receipt of the State-County Special Assistance personal needs allowance after payment
- 5 of the cost of care, a statement shall be signed by the resident or marked by the resident with two witnesses' signatures.
- 6 resident. If the statement is marked by the resident, there shall be one witness signature. For residents who have been
- 7 adjudicated incompetent, the signature of the resident's authorized representative shall be required. Witnesses cannot
- 8 <u>include the staff handling the residents' personal funds transactions.</u> The statement shall be maintained in the home.
- 9 <u>facility.</u>
- 10 (b) Upon the written authorization of the resident or his legal representative or payee, [their authorized representative,]
- 11 an administrator or the administrator's designee may handle the personal money for a resident, provided an accurate
- 12 accounting of monies received and disbursed and the balance on hand is available upon request of the resident or his
- 13 legal representative or payee. [their authorized representative during the facility's established business days and
- 14 hours.] No employee of a facility shall handle the personal money for a resident, except for the facility administrator
- 15 or the administrator's designee after having received prior written authorization from the resident or the resident's
- 16 authorized representative. The facility administrator or their designee shall maintain an accurate account balance and
- 17 accounting of all funds received, disbursements, and the balance on hand which shall be available upon request to the
- 18 resident or their authorized representative during the facility's regular business office hours.
- 19 (c) A record of each transaction involving the use of the resident's personal funds according to Paragraph (b) of this
- 20 Rule shall be signed by the resident, legal representative or payee [the resident or the resident's authorized
- 21 representative,] or marked by the resident, if not adjudicated incompetent, with two witnesses' signatures [resident,]
- 22 at least monthly verifying the accuracy of the disbursement of personal funds. [If marked by the resident, there shall
- 23 be one witness signature. For residents who have been adjudicated incompetent, the facility shall provide the resident's
- 24 authorized representative with a copy of the monthly resident's funds statement and shall obtain verification of receipt.
- 25 The record records shall be maintained in the home. facility.] The facility shall provide each resident or the resident's
- 26 authorized representative a written monthly accounting of the resident's funds handled by the administrator or the
- 27 administrator's designee. The facility shall maintain at the facility a record signed by the resident or their authorized
- 28 representative indicating whether the resident or their authorized representative agrees that the monthly accounting is
- 29 accurate. The records shall be maintained by the facility for at least one year.
- 30 (d) A resident's personal funds shall not be commingled with facility funds. The facility shall not commingle the
- 31 personal funds of residents in an interest-bearing account.
- 32 (e) All or any portion of a resident's personal funds shall be available to the resident or his legal representative or
- 33 payee their authorized representative upon request during regular office hours, the facility's established business days
- 34 and hours except as provided in Rule .1105 of this Subchapter. Section.
- 35 (f) The resident's personal needs allowance shall be credited to the resident" resident's account within 24 hours of the
- 36 check being deposited following endorsement. one business day of the funds being available in the facility's resident
- 37 personal funds account.

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2	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 143B-165;
3		Eff. July 1, 2005;
4		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 6,
5		2018. <u>2018:</u>
6		<u>Amended Eff. [January 1, 2024.] June 1, 2024.</u>

1 2 10A NCAC 13F .1106 is proposed for readoption without substantive changes as follows:

- 3 10A NCAC 13F .1106 SETTLEMENT OF COST OF CARE
 - 4 (a) If a resident of an adult care home, after being has been notified by the facility of its intent to discharge the resident
 - 5 in accordance with Rule .0702 of this Subchapter, moves out of the facility before the period of time specified in the
- 6 notice has elapsed, the facility shall refund the resident an amount equal to the cost of care for the remainder of the
- 7 month minus the amount charged for any nights spent in the facility during the notice period. The refund shall be made
- 8 within 14 days after the resident leaves the facility. For the purposes of this Rule, "cost of care" means any monies
- 9 paid by the resident or the resident's legal representative in advance for room and board and services provided by the
- 10 <u>facility as agreed upon in the resident's contract.</u>
- 11 (b) **If-When** a resident moves out of the facility without giving notice, as may be required by the facility according to
- 12 Rule <u>.0702(h)</u> .0702(i) of this Subchapter, or before the facility's required notice period has elapsed, the resident owes
- 13 the facility an the facility shall charge the resident no more than the amount equal to the cost of care for the required
- 14 notice period. If a resident receiving State-County Special Assistance moves before the facility's required notice
- 15 period has elapsed, the former facility is entitled to may charge to the resident for the required payment for the notice

16 period before the new facility receives any payment. period. The facility shall refund the resident the remainder of

- 17 any advance payment following settlement of the cost of care. The refund shall be made within 14 days from the date
- 18 of notice or, if no notice is given, within 14 days after the resident leaves the facility.
- 19 (c) When there is an exception to the notice, notice as provided in Rule <u>.0702(h)</u> <u>.0702(i)</u> of this Subchapter, to protect
- 20 the health or safety of the resident or others in the facility, or when there is a sudden, unexpected closure of the facility
- 21 <u>that requires the resident to relocate</u>, the resident is only required to pay the facility shall only charge the resident for
- any nights spent in the facility. A refund shall be made to the resident by the facility within 14 days from the date ofnotice.
- 24 (d) When a resident gives notice of leaving the facility, as may be required by the facility according to Rule .0702(h)
- 25 <u>.0702(i)</u> of this Subchapter, and leaves at the end of the notice period, the facility shall refund the resident the
- 26 remainder of any advance payment within 14 days from the date of notice. If notice is not required by the facility, the
 - 27 refund shall be made within 14 days after the resident leaves the facility.
 - 28 (e) When a resident leaves the facility and the resident or his or her responsible person has notified the facility of with
 - 29 the intent of returning to it, the following apply:
 - 30(1)The facility may reserve the resident's If the resident or their responsible party reserves theirbed for31a set number of days with days, the facility shall have a written agreement of the facility and the32resident or his [or her] responsible person and thereby require for the payment for the days the bed33is held, held in accordance with Rule .0704(1)(A) of this Subchapter.
 - If, after leaving the facility, the resident decides not to return to it, the resident or someone acting
 on his or her behalf may be required by the facility shall require no more than to provide up to a 14 day written notice that he or she is not returning.

1	(3)	If the facility requires a 14-day written notice, the requirement Requirement of a notice, if it is to be
2	(5)	applied by the facility, shall be a part of the written agreement and explained by the facility to the
3		resident and his <u>or her</u> family or responsible person before signing.
4	(4)	On notice by the <u>When a</u> resident or someone acting on his <u>or her</u> behalf <u>notifies the facility</u> that he
5		or she will not be returning to the facility, the facility shall refund the remainder of any advance
6		payment to the resident or his <mark>or her</mark> responsible person, person. The refund shall include the <mark>minus</mark>
7		an amount equal to the cost of care for the period covered by the agreement. The refund shall be
8		made within 14 days after notification that the resident will not be returning to the facility.
9	(5)	The facility In no situation involving a recipient of State County Special Assistance may a facility
10		shall not require payment from a resident that receives State County Special Assistance for more
11		than 30 days since State County Special Assistance is not authorized unless the resident is actually
12		residing in the facility or it is anticipated that he or she will return to the facility within 30 days.
13	(6)	Exceptions to the two weeks' 14-day notice, if required by the facility, are cases where returning to
14		the facility would jeopardize the health or safety of the resident or others in the facility as certified
15		by the resident's physician or approved by the county department of social services, and in the case
16		of the resident's death. In these cases, the facility shall provide a refund the rest of any advance
17		payment calculated beginning with the day the facility is notified. The facility shall provide the
18		refund to the authorized representative with 14 days after the resident leaves the facility or within
19		30 days after the resident's death.
20	(f) If a resident	t dies, the administrator of his <u>or her</u> estate or the Clerk of Superior Court, when no administrator for
21	his <u>or her</u> estate	e has been appointed, shall be given a refund equal to the cost of care for the month minus any nights
22	spent in the faci	ility during the month. This is to be done within 30 days after the resident's death.
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24	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.5; 143B-165;
25		Eff. July 1, 2005. <u>2005;</u>
26		<u>Readopted Eff. [January 1, 2024.] <u>June 1, 2024.</u></u>

Subject: Attachments: FW: 10 NCAC 13G

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Hello,

Attached are the responses to the Requests for Changes as well as the revised rules for Subchapter G.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks, Taylor Corpening Rule-making Coordinator Division of Health Service Regulation NC Department of Health and Human Services

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<u>Request for Changes Pursuant to</u> <u>N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.10</u>

Staff reviewed these Rules to ensure that each Rule is within the agency's statutory authority, reasonably necessary, clear and unambiguous, and adopted in accordance with Part 2 of the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act. Following review, staff has issued this document that may request changes pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.10 from your agency or ask clarifying questions.

Questions contained herein suggest that the rule as written is unclear or there is some ambiguity. If this document includes questions and you do not understand the question, please contact the reviewing attorney to discuss. Failure to respond may result in a staff opinion recommending objection.

Staff may suggest the agency "consider" an idea or language in this document. This is in no way a formal request that the agency adopt the idea or language but rather is offered merely for the agency's consideration which the agency may find preferable and clarifying.

To properly submit rewritten rules, please refer to the following Rules in the NC Administrative Code:

- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0108 The Rule addresses general formatting.
- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0404 The Rule addresses changing the introductory statement.
- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0405 The Rule addresses properly formatting changes made after publication in the NC Register.

Note the following general instructions:

- 1. You must submit the revised rule via email to <u>oah.rules@oah.nc.gov</u> and copy RRC Counsel. The electronic copy must be saved as the official rule name (XX NCAC XXXX).
- 2. For rules longer than one page, insert a page number.
- **3**. Use line numbers; if the rule spans more than one page, have the line numbers reset at one for each page.
- 4. Do not use track changes. Make all changes using manual strikethroughs, underlines and highlighting.
- 5. You cannot change just one part of a word. For example:
 - Wrong: "<u>aA</u>ssociation"
 - Right: "association <u>Association</u>"
- 6. Treat punctuation as part of a word. For example:
 - Wrong: "day,; and"
 - Right: "day, <u>day;</u> and"
- 7. Formatting instructions and examples may be found at: www.ncoah.com/rules/examples.html

If you have any questions regarding proper formatting of edits after reviewing the rules and examples, please contact the reviewing attorney.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Care Commission

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 13G .0702

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: December 8, 2023

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may email the reviewing attorney to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

Page 2, Line 2: While it is implied that form FL-2 consists of Paragraph (e)(1)-(7), it is not clear. Does FL-2 consist solely of the items required in Paragraph (e)(1)-(7)? If so, Page 2, Line 2 should read, "The FL-2 and the medical examination shall consist of..." The contents of the medical examination as required in Paragraph (e)(1)-(7) is what is solely documented on the FL-2 form.

Page 2, Lines 34-35: If G.S. 131D-9 requires immunization, why is Paragraph (i) necessary? Including the requirements and reference to the general statute in this Rule provides clarity and is useful to providers.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Care Commission

RULE CITATION: 10 NCAC 13G .0703

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REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Care Commission

RULE CITATION: 10 NCAC 13G .1102

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

Page 1, Line 4: Who determines when the resident is "unable to manage" their finances? Changed to include "If the facility determines" a resident is unable to manage their monetary funds...

Page 1, Line 5: What happens if the resident has stated, either in writing or verbally, that the resident's family is not to be notified? What if the resident has designated a non-family member as the point of contact or has an attorney-in-fact designated? Changed to include "responsible person".

Page 1, Lines 7-8: As written, an incompetent resident could sign the written authorization. Was that the Commission's intention? No, the intent was to clarify the term authorized representative to include individuals who are legally authorized such as a Power or Attorney or legal guardian or whomever the resident designates in order to comply with G.S. 131D-21(13).

Page 1, Lines 8-9: This line seems like it should be part of Paragraph (b). Line removed and added to Paragraph (b)

Page 1, Line 13: The administrator is required to give the payee of any monies receipts? Please explain. Any money that the facility received for the resident, a receipt shall be given to the facility. For instance, if the authorized representative pays the facility \$1,000 for room and board. The facility has to provide the authorized representative a receipt.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Care Commission

RULE CITATION: 10 NCAC 13G .1103

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

Page 1, Lines 7, 10, 13: Define "authorized representative". Language changed in 13G .1102 to "for the purposes of this Section [authorized representative] means" so that the term does not need to be defined in each Rule.

Page 1, Lines 10-14: The language is permissive in nature and their does not appear to be an restriction which would prohibit the activity. Changed for clarity, see below.

Consider, "No employee of a facility shall handle a resident's monies, except for the facility administrator or the administrator's designee after having received prior written authorization from the resident or the resident's lawful representative. The facility shall maintain an accurate account balance and accounting of all receipts and disbursements, which shall be available upon request to the resident or their lawful representative during the facility's regular business office hours.

Changed to "<u>No employee of a facility shall handle the personal money for a resident,</u> <u>except for the facility administrator or the administrator's designee after having</u> <u>received prior written authorization from the resident or the resident's authorized</u> <u>representative. The facility administrator or their designee shall maintain an accurate</u> <u>account balance and accounting of all funds received, disbursements, and the balance</u> on hand which shall be available upon request to the resident or their authorized representative during the facility's regular business office hours."

Page 1, Lines 15-21: Here the Commission uses the term "personal funds" but Paragraph (b) states "personal monies". Unless the Commission is addressing different things, be consistent with the terms. Changed personal monies throughout this rule to "personal funds" for consistency.

Page 1, Lines 15-21: As written, the resident must verify the accuracy of the "disbursement of personal funds" but the authorized representative is only verifying receipt of the record. Is that what the Commission intended? No, the when residents have been adjudicated incompetent the facility provides the representative with a copy of the funds statement and the facility is responsible for obtaining verification that the statement was received. For instance, if the funds statement was sent via email, an email from the representative back to the facility indicating "received" would acknowledge their receipt.

Page 1, Lines 15-21: The passive voice is used. Consider, "The facility shall provide each resident or the resident's lawful representative a written monthly accounting of the resident's monies handled by the administrator or the administrator's designee. The facility shall maintain at the facility a record signed by the resident or their lawful representative indicating whether the resident or their lawful representative agree that the monthly accounting is accurate. Done.

Page 1, Lines 15-21: How long must the records be maintained? Changed to a minimum of one year.

Page 1, Lines 22-23: As written, the facility can commingle a resident's funds with other residents' funds so long as it is a non-interest baring account. Is that correct? The facility can hold a resident's funds in an interest baring account so long as no other resident's funds are in that account. Is that correct? Who gets the interest? No, resident's funds cannot be commingled with the facility funds and are not to be comingled in an interest-bearing account.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609. REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Care Commission

RULE CITATION: 10 NCAC 13F .1106

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: December 8, 2023

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may email the reviewing attorney to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

Generally, to the rule: It appears that the Commission is attempting to regulate contractual obligations between the facilities and residents. It does not appear that the Commission has authority over residents, or at least not a viable enforcement mechanism. The Commission We have changed the requirement to be directed to the facility. There is no enforcement against any former residents. Any enforcement will be against the facility.

Page 1, Line 4-6: This is grammatically incorrect. Consider changing. Re-written for clarity.

Page 1, Lines 11-13: Explain the Commission's authority over former residents or to determine or adjudicate the contractual obligations of a former resident. Also, explain how this will be enforced. What will the Commission or department do in the event of non-payment? We have changed the requirement to be directed to the facility. There is no enforcement against any former residents. Any enforcement will be against the facility.

Page 1, Lines 11-12: It is unclear whether moving out pursuant to .0705(i) is an example of a resident moving out without giving notice, or whether the paragraph applies in this exclusive circumstance. It can be read two ways. Changed "if" to "when" for clarity as this is an exclusive circumstance.

Page 1, Lines 13-15: "Entitled" from whom? Removed "entitled" and rewrote sentence for clarity.

Page 1, Lines 13-15: Explain the Commission's authority over former residents or to determine or adjudicate the contractual obligations of a former resident. We have changed the requirement to be directed to the facility. There is no enforcement against any former residents. Any enforcement will be against the facility.

Page 1, Lines 19-21: Explain the Commission's authority over former residents or to determine or adjudicate the contractual obligations of a former resident. We have changed the requirement to be directed to the facility. There is no enforcement against any former residents. Any enforcement will be against the facility.

Page 1, Line 23-24: Rule .0705(i) does not require notice. It is unclear what the Commission intends by the inclusion of the reference. We are referencing the exception to the discharge notice. Rule .0705 (i) references exceptions regarding a discharge notice "Exceptions to the required notice are cases in which a delay in discharge or transfer would jeopardize the health or safety of the resident or others in the facility."

Page 1, Lines 27-36, and Page 2, Lines 1-14: Paragraph (e) is poorly written and is confusing. It should be re-written. Lines 1-14 of Paragraph (e) re-written for clarity.

Page 1, Line 27: Who determines the intent? Clarified to include the resident or his or her responsible person

Page 1, Lines 28 and 30: The Commission is using permissive language when there does not appear to be a restriction. Put another way, in the absence of a restriction, the parties to an agreement can agree as they will. Permissive language removed, to clarify the restriction and state the current requirements.

Page 1, Lines 34-36: I think the Commission is attempting to prohibit facilities from enforcing any notice requirements unless those requirements are explained the resident or their lawful representative, provided in writing and signed by the resident or their lawful representative. However, it is unclear. Changed the sentence structure for clarity.

Page 2, Line 4: Change "may" to "shall". This would be clearer and more concise if put in the active voice. Done.

Page 2, Lines 13-15: A refund shall be given by whom? This would be clearer and more concise if put in the active voice. "The adult day care facility shall provide a refund of....to....when..." Changed to "The facility shall provide the refund to the authorized representative with 14 days after the resident leaves the facility or within 30 days after the resident's death."

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

1 2 10A NCAC 13G .0702 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

3 10A NCAC 13G .0702 TUBERCULOSIS TEST AND MEDICAL EXAMINATION EXAMINATION, AND 4 IMMUNIZATIONS

5	(a) Upon admission to a family care home each resident shall be tested for tuberculosis disease in compliance with	
6	the control measures adopted by the Commission for Public Health as specified in 10A NCAC 41A .0205 including	
7	subsequent amendments and editions. Copies of the rule are available at no charge by contacting the Department of	
8	Health and Human Services, Tuberculosis Control Program, 1902 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina	
9	27699-1902.	
10	(b) Each resident shall have a medical examination completed by a licensed physician or physician extender prior to	
11	admission to the home and annually thereafter. For the purposes of this Rule, "physician extender" means a licensed	
12	physician assistant or licensed nurse practitioner. The medical examination completed prior to admission shall be used	
13	by the facility to determine if the facility can meet the needs of the resident.	
14	(c) The results of the complete examination are to be entered on the FL-2, North Carolina Medicaid Program Long	
15	Term Care Services, or MR-2, North Carolina Medicaid Program Mental Retardation Services, which shall comply	
16	with the following:	
17	(1) The examining date recorded on the FL 2 or MR 2 shall be no more than 90 days prior to the person's	
18	admission to the home.	
19	(2) The FL 2 or MR 2 shall be in the facility before admission or accompany the resident upon	
20	admission and be reviewed by the administrator or supervisor in charge before admission except	
21	for emergency admissions.	
22	(3) In the case of an emergency admission, the medical examination and completion of the FL-2 or MR-	
23	2 shall be within 72 hours of admission as long as current medication and treatment orders are	
24	available upon admission or there has been an emergency medical evaluation, including any orders	
25	for medications and treatments, upon admission.	
26	(4) If the information on the FL 2 or MR 2 is not clear or is insufficient, the administrator or	
27	supervisor in charge shall contact the physician for clarification in order to determine if the services	
28	of the facility can meet the individual's needs.	
29	(5) The completed FL 2 or MR 2 shall be filed in the resident's record in the home.	
30	(6) If a resident has been hospitalized, the facility shall have a completed FL 2 or MR 2 or a transfer	
31	form or discharge summary with signed prescribing practitioner orders upon the resident's return to	
32	the facility from the hospital.	
33	The medical examination shall be completed no more than 90 days prior to the resident's admission to the facility.	
34	except in the case of emergency admission.	
35	(d) In the case of an unplanned, emergency admission, the medical examination of the resident shall be conducted	
36	within 72 hours after admission. Prior to an emergency admission, the facility shall obtain current medication and	
37	treatment orders from a licensed physician or physician extender.	

1	(e) The result of the medical examination required in Paragraph (b) of this Rule shall be documented on the North		
2	Carolina Medicaid Adult Care Home FL-2 form which is available at no cost on the Department's Medicaid website		
3	at https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/media/6549/open. The Adult Care Home FL-2 shall be signed and dated by the		
4	physician or physician extender completing the medical examination. The medical examination shall include the		
5	following:		
6	(1) resident's identification information, including the resident's name, date of birth, sex, admission		
7	date, county and Medicaid number, current facility and address, physician's name and address, a		
8	relative's name and address, current level of care, and recommended level of care;		
9	(2) resident's admitting diagnoses, including primary and secondary diagnoses and dates of onset;		
10	(3) resident's current medical information, including orientation, behaviors, personal care assistance		
11	needs, frequency of physician visits, ambulatory status, functional limitations, information related		
12	to activities and social needs, neurological status, bowel and bladder functioning status, manner of		
13	communication of needs, skin condition, respiratory status, and nutritional status including orders		
14	for therapeutic diets;		
15	(4) special care factors, including physician orders for blood pressure, diabetic urine testing, physical		
16	therapy, range of motion exercises, a bowel and bladder program, a restorative feeding program,		
17	speech therapy, and restraints;		
18	(5) resident's medications, including the name, strength, dosage, frequency and route of administration		
19	of each medication:		
20	(6) results of x-rays or laboratory tests determined by the physician or physician extender to be		
21	necessary information related to the resident's care needs; and		
22	(7) additional information as determined by the physician or physician extender to be necessary for the		
23	care of the resident.		
24	(f) If the information on the Adult Care Home FL-2 is not clear or is insufficient, or information provided to the		
25	facility related to the resident's condition or medications after the completion of the medical examination conflicts		
26	with the information provided on the Adult Care Home FL-2, the facility shall contact the physician or physician		
27	extender for clarification in order to determine if the facility can meet the individual's needs.		
28	(g) The results of the medical examination shall be maintained in the resident's record in accordance with Rule .1201		
29	of this Subchapter. Discharge medication orders shall be clarified in accordance with Rule .1002(a) of this Subchapter		
30	(h) Upon a resident's return to the facility from a hospitalization, the facility shall obtain and review the hospital		
31	discharge summary or discharge instructions, including any discharge medication orders. If the facility identifies		
32	discrepancies between the discharge orders and current orders at the facility, the facility shall clarify the discrepancies		
33	with the resident's physician or physician extender.		
34	(d)(i) Each resident shall be immunized against pneumococcal disease and annually against influenza virus according		
35	to G.S. 131D-9, except as otherwise indicated in this law.		
36	(e) The home shall make arrangements for any resident, who has been an inpatient of a psychiatric facility within 12		
37	months before entering the home and who does not have a current plan for psychiatric care, to be examined by a local		

1	physician or a p	hysician in a mental health center within 30 days after admission and to have a plan for psychiatric	
2	follow up care when indicated.		
3	(j) The facility s	nall make arrangements for a resident to be evaluated by a licensed mental health professional, licensed	
4	physician or licensed physician extender for follow-up psychiatric care within 30 days of admission or re-admission		
5	to the facility when the resident:		
6	(1)	has been an inpatient of a psychiatric facility within 12 months prior to admission to the facility and	
7		does not have a current plan for follow-up psychiatric care; or	
8	(2)	has been hospitalized due to threatening or violent behavior, suicidal ideation or self-harm, or other	
9		psychiatric symptoms that required hospitalization within 12 months prior to admission to the	
10		facility and does not have a current plan for follow-up psychiatric care.	
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12	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 143B-165;	
13		Eff. January 1, 1977;	
14		Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;	
15		Amended Eff. December 1, 1993; July 1, 1990; April 1, 1987; April 1, 1984;	
16		Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;	
17		Amended Eff. June 1, 2004. <u>2004:</u>	
18		<u>Readopted Eff. [January 1, 2024.] <mark>June 1, 2024.</mark></u>	

1	10A NCAC 13G	.0703 is proposed for repeal through readoption as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 13G	.0703 RESIDENT REGISTER
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5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 143B-165;
6		Eff. January 1, 1977;
7		Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
8		Amended Eff. July 1, 1990; April 1, 1987; April 1, 1984;
9		Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2004;
10		Amended Eff. April 1, 2022; July 1, 2005. <u>2005;</u>
11		<u>Repealed Eff. January 1, 2024.</u> [January 1, 2024.] <u>June 1, 2024.</u>

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- 10A NCAC 13G .0704 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

3 10A NCAC 13G .0704 RESIDENT CONTRACT AND INFORMATION ON HOME CONTRACT, 4 4 INFORMATION ON FACILITY, AND RESIDENT REGISTER

5 (a) The administrator or supervisor-in-charge shall furnish and review with the resident or his responsible person-the 6 resident's authorized representative as defined in Rule .1103 of this Subchapter information on the family care home 7 facility upon admission and when changes are made to that information. The facility shall involve the resident in the 8 review of the resident contract and information on the facility unless the resident is cognitively unable to participate 9 in the discussion. A statement indicating that this information has been received upon admission or amendment as 10 required by this Rule shall be signed and dated by each person to whom it is given. This statement shall be retained in 11 the resident's record in the home. facility. The information shall include: [include:] consist of the following: a copy of the home's resident contract specifying rates for resident services and accommodations, 12 (1)13 including the cost of different levels of service, if applicable, any other charges or fees, and any 14 health needs or conditions the home has determined it cannot meet pursuant to G.S. 131D-2(a1)(4). 15 In addition, the following applies: the resident contract to which the following applies: the contract shall specify charges for resident services and accommodations, including the 16 (A) 17 cost of different levels of service, description of levels of care and services, and any other 18 charges or fees; 19 the contract shall disclose any health needs or conditions that the facility has determined it (B) 20 cannot meet; 21 The the contract shall be signed and dated by the administrator or supervisor-in-charge and (a)(C) 22 the resident or his responsible person the resident's authorized representative and a copy 23 given to the resident or his responsible person; the resident's authorized representative and 24 a copy kept in the resident's record; The the resident or his responsible person the resident's authorized representative shall be 25 (b)(D) 26 notified as soon as any change is known, but not less than 30 days for rate changes initiated 27 by the home, of any rate changes or other changes in the contract affecting the resident 28 services and accommodations given a written 30-day notice prior to any change in charges 29 for resident services and accommodations, including the cost of different levels of service, 30 description of level of care and services, and any other charges or fees, and be provided an 31 amended copy of the contract for review and signature; confirmation of receipt; 32 -A copy of each signed contract shall be kept in the resident's record in the home; (c) 33 Gratuities gratuities in addition to the established rates shall not be accepted; and (d)(E) 34 The maximum monthly rate that may be charged to Special Assistance recipients is as (e)(F) 35 established by the North Carolina Social Services Commission and the North Carolina 36 General Assembly;

1		Note: Facilities may accept payments for room and board from a third party, such as family
2		member, charity or faith community, if the payment is made voluntarily to supplement the
3		cost of room and board for the added benefit of a private room.
4	(2)	a written copy of any house rules, including the conditions for the discharge and transfer of residents,
5		the refund policies, and the home's facility's policies on smoking, alcohol consumption and
6		visitation consumption, visitation, refunds, and the requirements for discharge of residents
7		consistent with the rules in this Subchapter and amendments disclosing any changes in the house
8		rules; rules. The house rules shall be in compliance with G.S. 131D-21;
9	(3)	a copy of the Declaration of Residents' Rights as found in G.S. 131D-21;
10	(4)	a copy of the home's facility's grievance procedures which that shall indicate how the resident is to
11		present complaints and make suggestions as to the home's facility's policies and services on behalf
12		of self or others; and
13	(5)	a statement as to whether the home facility has signed Form DSS-1464, Statement of Assurance of
14		Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for Other Agencies, Institutions,
15		Organizations or Facilities, and which shall also indicate that if the home facility does not choose
16		to comply or is found to be in non compliance non-compliant the residents of the home facility
17		would not be able to receive State-County Special Assistance for Adults and the home facility would
18		not receive supportive services from the county department of social services.
19	(b) A family ca	re home's administrator or supervisor-in-charge and the resident or the resident's responsible person
20	shall complete a	nd sign the Resident Register initial assessment within 72 hours of the resident's admission to the
21	facility in accord	lance with G.S. 131D-2.15. The facility shall involve the resident in the completion of the Resident
22	Register unless t	he resident is cognitively unable to participate. The Resident Register shall [include] consist of the
23	following:	
24	(1)	resident's identification information including the resident's name, date of birth, sex, admission
25		date, medical insurance, family and emergency contacts, advanced directives, and physician's name
26		and address;
27	(2)	resident's current care needs including activities of daily living and services, use of assistive aids,
28		orientation status;
29	<u>(3)</u>	resident's preferences including personal habits, food preferences and allergies, community
30		involvement, and activity interests;
31	<u>(4)</u>	resident's consent and request for assistance including the release of information, personal funds
32		management, personal lockable space, discharge information, and assistance with personal mail;
33	<u>(5)</u>	name of the individual identified by the resident who is to receive a copy of the notice of discharge
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34		per G.S. 131D-4.8; and
34 35	(6)	per G.S. 131D-4.8; and resident's consent including a signature confirming the review and receipt of information contained

- 1 <u>The Resident Register is available on the internet website, https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/acls/pdf/resregister.pdf, at no</u>
- 2 charge. The facility may use a resident information form other than the Resident Register as long as it contains same
- 3 information as the Resident Register. Information on the Resident Register shall be kept updated and maintained in
- 4 <u>the resident's record.</u>

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6	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 143B-165;
7		Eff. April 1, 1984;
8		Amended Eff; July 1, 1990; April 1, 1987;
9		Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2004;
10		Amended Eff. July 1, 2005. <u>2005;</u>
11		<u>Readopted Eff. [<mark>January 1, 2024</mark>.] <mark>June 1, 2024.</mark>]</u>

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- 10A NCAC 13G .1102 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:
- 2 3 10A NCAC 13G .1102 LEGAL AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PAYEE
 - 4 (a) In situations where the facility determines a resident of a family care home is unable to manage his funds, their
 - 5 <u>monetary funds</u> the administrator shall contact a family member, <u>responsible person</u>, or the county department of
 - 6 social services regarding the need for a legal representative or payee. authorized representative. For the purposes of
 - 7 this Rule, an "authorized representative" shall mean a person who is legally authorized or designated in writing by the
 - 8 resident to act on his or her behalf in the management of their funds. The administrator and other staff of the home
 - 9 [facility] shall not serve as a resident's legal [authorized] representative, payee, or executor of a will, except as
 - 10 indicated in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.
 - 11 (b) The administrator and other staff of the facility shall not serve as a resident's authorized representative, payee, or
 - 12 <u>executor of a will, except in In</u> the case of funds administered by the Social Security Administration, the Veteran's

13 Administration or other federal government agencies, the agencies. The administrator of the home facility may serve

- 14 as a payee when so authorized as a legally constituted authority by the respective federal agencies.
- 15 (c) The administrator shall give the resident's legal <u>authorized</u> representative or payee receipts for any monies received
- 16 on behalf of the resident.
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- 18 History Note: Authority G.S. 35A-1203; 108A-37; 131D-2.16; 143B-165;
 - *Eff. January 1, 1977;*
- 20 Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
- 21 Amended Eff. July 1, 2005; April 1, 1984. <u>1984;</u>
- 22 <u>Readopted Eff. [January 1, 2024.]</u> June 1, 2024.

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- 10A NCAC 13G .1103 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:
- 3 10A NCAC 13G .1103 ACCOUNTING FOR RESIDENT'S PERSONAL FUNDS
 - 4 (a) To document a resident's receipt of the State-County Special Assistance personal needs allowance after payment
 - 5 of the cost of care, a statement shall be signed by the resident or marked by the resident with two witnesses' signatures.
 - 6 resident. If the statement is marked by the resident, there shall be one witness signature. For residents who have been
 - 7 adjudicated incompetent, the signature of the resident's authorized representative shall be required. Witnesses cannot
 - 8 <u>include the staff handling the residents' personal funds transactions.</u> The statement shall be maintained in the home.
 - 9 <u>facility.</u>
 - 10 (b) Upon the written authorization of the resident or his legal representative or payee, [their authorized representative,]
 - 11 an administrator or the administrator's designee may handle the personal money for a resident, provided an accurate
 - 12 accounting of monies received and disbursed and the balance on hand is available upon request of the resident or his
 - 13 legal representative or payee. [their authorized representative during the facility's established business days and
 - 14 hours.] No employee of a facility shall handle the personal money for a resident, except for the facility administrator
 - 15 or the administrator's designee after having received prior written authorization from the resident or the resident's
 - 16 authorized representative. The facility administrator or their designee shall maintain an accurate account balance and
 - 17 accounting of all funds received, disbursements, and the balance on hand which shall be available upon request to the
 - 18 resident or their authorized representative during the facility's regular business office hours.
 - 19 (c) A record of each transaction involving the use of the resident's personal funds according to Paragraph (b) of this
 - 20 Rule shall be signed by the resident, legal representative or payee [the resident or the resident's authorized
 - 21 representative,] or marked by the resident, if not adjudicated incompetent, with two witnesses' signatures [resident,]
 - 22 at least monthly verifying the accuracy of the disbursement of personal funds. [If marked by the resident, there shall
 - 23 be one witness signature. For residents who have been adjudicated incompetent, the facility shall provide the resident's
 - 24 authorized representative with a copy of the monthly resident's funds statement and shall obtain verification of receipt.
 - 25 The record records shall be maintained in the home. facility.] The facility shall provide each resident or the resident's
 - 26 authorized representative a written monthly accounting of the resident's funds handled by the administrator or the
 - 27 administrator's designee. The facility shall maintain at the facility a record signed by the resident or their authorized
 - 28 representative indicating whether the resident or their authorized representative agrees that the monthly accounting is
 - 29 accurate. The records shall be maintained by the facility for at least one year.
 - 30 (d) A resident's personal funds shall not be commingled with facility funds. The facility shall not commingle the
 - 31 personal funds of residents in an interest-bearing account.
 - 32 (e) All or any portion of a resident's personal funds shall be available to the resident or his legal their authorized
 - 33 representative or payee upon request during regular office hours, the facility's established business days and hours
 - 34 except as provided in Rule .1105 of this Subchapter.
 - 35 (f) The resident's personal needs allowance shall be credited to the resident's account within 24 hours of the check
 - 36 being deposited following endorsement. one business day of the funds being available in the facility's resident personal
 - 37 <u>funds account.</u>

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2	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 143B-165;
3		Eff. April 1, 1984;
4		Amended Eff. July 1, 2005; April 1, 1987. <u>1987;</u>
5		<u>Readopted Eff.</u> [January 1, 2024.] June 1, 2024.

1 2 10A NCAC 13G .1106 is proposed for readoption without substantive changes as follows:

- 3 10A NCAC 13G .1106 SETTLEMENT OF COST OF CARE
 - 4 (a) If a resident of a family care home, after being has been notified by the home facility of its intent to discharge the
 - 5 resident in accordance with Rule .0705 of this Subchapter, moves out of the home before the period of time specified
 - 6 in the notice has elapsed, the home facility shall refund the resident an amount equal to the cost of care for the
 - 7 remainder of the month minus the amount charged for any nights spent in the home facility during the notice period.
 - 8 The refund shall be made within 14 days after the resident leaves the home. facility. For the purposes of this Rule,
- 9 "cost of care" means any monies paid by the resident or the resident's legal representative in advance for room and
- 10 board and services provided by facility as agreed upon in the resident's contract.
- 11 (b) If-When a resident moves out of the home facility without giving notice, as may be required by the home facility
- 12 according to Rule <u>.0705(h)</u> <u>.0705(i)</u> of this Subchapter, or before the home's facility's required notice period has
- 13 elapsed, the resident owes the home the facility shall charge the resident no more than the an amount equal to the cost
- 14 of care for the required notice period. If a resident receiving State-County Special Assistance moves without giving
- 15 notice or before the notice period has elapsed, the former home facility is entitled to may charge the resident for the
- 16 required payment for the notice period before the new home [facility] receives any payment. period. The home facility
- 17 shall refund the resident the remainder of any advance payment following settlement of the cost of care. The refund
- 18 shall be made within 14 days from the date of notice or, if no notice is given, within 14 days of the resident leaving 19 the home. facility.
- 20 (c) When there is an exception to the notice as provided in Rule <u>.0705(h)</u> <u>.0705(i)</u> of this Subchapter to protect the
- 21 health or safety of the resident or others in the home, facility, or when there is a sudden, unexpected closure of the
- 22 facility that requires the resident to relocate, the resident is only required to pay the facility shall only charge the
- 23 <u>resident</u> for any nights spent in the home. <u>facility</u>. A refund shall be made to the resident by the home facility within
- 24 14 days from the date of notice.
- 25 (d) When a resident gives notice of leaving the home, <u>facility</u>, as may be required by the home <u>facility</u> according to
- 26 Rule .0705(h) .0705(i) of this Subchapter, and leaves at the end of the notice period, the home facility shall refund the
- 27 resident the remainder of any advance payment within 14 days from the date of notice. If notice is not required by the
- 28 home, <u>facility</u>, the refund shall be made within 14 days after the resident leaves the <u>home</u>. <u>facility</u>.
- 29 (e) When a resident leaves the home facility and the resident or his or her responsible person has notified the facility
- $30 \quad \underline{\text{of with}}$ the intent of returning to it, the following apply:
- 31 (1) The home [facility] may reserve the resident's If the resident or their responsible party reserves their
 32 bed for a set number of days with days, the facility shall have written agreement of the home
 33 [facility] and the resident or his [or her] responsible person and thereby require for the payment for
 34 the days the bed is held. held in accordance with Rule .0704(1)(A) of this Subchapter.
- 35 (2) If, after leaving the home, <u>facility</u>, the resident decides not to return to it, the resident or someone
 36 acting on his <u>or her behalf may be required by</u> the home <u>facility shall require no more than</u> to provide
 37 up to a 14-day written notice that he <u>or she</u> is not returning.

1	(3)	If the facility requires a 14-day written notice, the requirement Requirement of a notice, if it is to be
2		applied by the home, [facility,] shall be a part of the written agreement and explained by the home
3		facility to the resident and his or her family or responsible person before signing.
4	(4)	On notice by the When a resident or someone acting on his or her behalf notifies the facility that he
5		<u>or she</u> will not be returning to the home, <u>facility,</u> the <u>home facility</u> shall refund the remainder of any
6		advance payment to the resident or his <u>or her</u> responsible person, person. The refund shall include
7		the minus an amount equal to the cost of care for the period covered by the agreement. The refund
8		shall be made within 14 days after notification that the resident will not be returning to the home.
9		facility.
10	(5)	The facility In no situation involving a recipient of State County Special Assistance may shall not
11		<mark>a</mark> home [facility] require payment from a resident that receives State County Special Assistance for
12		more than 30 days since State County Special Assistance is not authorized unless the resident is
13		actually residing in the home facility or it is anticipated that he or she will return to the home facility
14		within 30 days.
15	(6)	Exceptions to the two weeks' 14-day notice, if required by the home, facility, are cases where
16		returning to the home facility would jeopardize the health or safety of the resident or others in the
17		home facility as certified by the resident's physician or approved by the county department of social
18		services, and in the case of the resident's death. In these cases, the home facility shall provide a
19		refund of any advance payment calculated beginning with the day the home <u>facility</u> is notified. <u>The</u>
20		facility shall provide the refund to the authorized representative with 14 days after the resident leaves
21		the facility or within 30 days after the resident's death.
22	(f) If a resident	t dies, the administrator of his <u>or her</u> estate or the Clerk of Superior Court, when no administrator for
23	his <u>or her</u> estate	has been appointed, shall be given a refund equal to the cost of care for the month minus any nights
24	spent in the hor	ne facility during the month. This is to be done within 30 days after the resident's death.
25		
26	History Note:	Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.5; 143B-165;
27		Eff. January 1, 1977;
28		Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
29		Amended Eff. July 1, 1990; June 1, 1987; April 1, 1984;
30		Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 2001;
31		Temporary Amendment Expired October 13, 2001;
32		Amended Eff. July 1, 2005. <u>2005:</u>
33		<u>Readopted Eff. [<mark>January 1, 2024.</mark>] June 1, 2024.</u>

Subject:

FW: MCC Extension Letter

From: Peaslee, William W <bill.peaslee@oah.nc.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 11:44 AM
To: Corpening, Taylor <taylor.corpening@dhhs.nc.gov>
Cc: Burgos, Alexander N <alexander.burgos@oah.nc.gov>
Subject: RE: MCC Extension Letter

Good morning Taylor,

I don't believe I have relied to this email and I apologize for the tardy response. If you could reply to the request for changes by February 1, that would be great.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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То:	Peaslee, William W
Cc:	Burgos, Alexander N
Subject:	RE: MCC Extension Letter

Good morning,

Thank you for your email. Will you please clarify the deadline of this extension? The letter mentions 70 days, but I remember (and I could have this wrong) you saying that the extent of the review period would be the January RRC meeting.

Thanks! Taylor Corpening Rule-making Coordinator Division of Health Service Regulation NC Department of Health and Human Services

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Subject: MCC Extension Letter

Good afternoon,

Attached please find the notice of extension pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.13.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

William W. Peaslee

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Thank you for your email. I will inform the Commission of your request. Of course the decision is the Commission's to make.

Please be advised that the MCC's revisions will be due no later than January 3, 2024 if the request is granted.

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Subject: RE: 10 NCAC 13G

Good morning!

We are humbly asking to extend the period of review for these rules to align with the January RRC meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Taylor Corpening Rule-making Coordinator Division of Health Service Regulation NC Department of Health and Human Services

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Yes, December 8.

Have a good day

William W. Peaslee

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Subject: RE: 10 NCAC 13G

Good afternoon,

Attached please find the Request for Changes for the Subchapter G rules.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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Subject: 10 NCAC 13F

Good afternoon Taylor,

Attached please find the Request for Changes for the rules in Subchapter F. Subchapter G will be separate.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

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