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NOTICE

To: Substance Abuse Providers of 10A NCAC 27G .3500 services
From: Stephanie Alexander, Chief, MH Licensure and Certification Section
Date: August 11, 2006
Re: Change in definition of licensable facility

Session Law 2006-142 (approved July 19, 2006) made revisions to G.S. § 122C-3(14). This statute includes the definition of a "licensable facility."

The statute revises the definition of a "licensable facility" so that substance abuse outpatient is now congruent with the definition of mental health outpatient. See the relevant portion of statute below:

G.S. § 122C-3(14)b. :

A "licensable facility", which is a facility that provides services to individuals who are mentally ill, developmentally disabled, or substance abusers for one or more minors or for two or more adults. These services shall be day services offered to the same individual for a period of three hours or more during a 24-hour period or residential services provided for 24 consecutive hours or more. Facilities for individuals who are substance abusers include chemical dependency facilities;

Therefore, there is no longer a requirement for an Outpatient substance abuse license under licensure category 10A NCAC 27G .3500.

Current Licensed Providers

- **Only .3500:** If you are currently licensed ***solely*** under licensure category 10A NCAC 27G .3500, please return your license to this agency and we will formally cancel your license. If we do not receive your license by September 1, 2006, we will begin canceling licenses for facilities that are ***only*** licensed for Outpatient Substance Abuse, and sending you a notice to this effect. This will prevent you from receiving a renewal application, a requirement to pay the new annual day facility fee, and prevent any further surveys from Division of Facility Services.
- **.3500 & Other Licensure Categories:** Do not return your license if you have other licensure categories listed. We will delete .3500 from your license during the renewal process.

