

April 3, 2003

**S 724. DISCHARGE FROM ADULT CARE HOMES.** *TO CLARIFY THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A RESIDENT MAY BE TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED FROM AN ADULT CARE HOME.* Amends GS 131D-21(17) to provide that, unless an emergency or a situation jeopardizing health or safety requires an immediate transfer or discharge, a facility must conduct an assessment to determine if a new care plan would allow the facility to meet the needs of a resident, rather than discharging the resident, when the resident's needs cannot be met by the facility, the resident's physician has authorized a higher level of care, or the facility determines that the resident's health needs cannot be met in the facility. Specifies procedures that must be followed in making these assessments. Prohibits transfer or discharge of Medicaid recipients based on level of care change until prior approval number has been assigned. Effective July 1, 2003.

**Intro. by Kinnaird.**

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