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H 1189. DHHS/TRACKING OUTPATIENT COMMITMENTS. Filed 4/7/09. *REQUIRING PHYSICIANS OR ELIGIBLE PSYCHOLOGISTS CONDUCTING EXAMINATIONS TO INFORM THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PHYSICIAN OR CENTER.*

Amends GS 122C-261 (Affidavit and petition before clerk or magistrate when immediate hospitalization is not necessary; custody order) to require a physician or eligible psychologist who recommends outpatient commitment for a respondent subject to a custody order for examination by a physician or eligible psychologist to contact the local management entity (LME) that serves the county where the respondent resides or the LME that coordinated services for the respondent to inform the LME that the respondent has been scheduled for an appointment with an outpatient treatment physician or center.

Intro. by Earle.

GS 122C

May 12, 2009

H 1189. DHHS/TRACKING OUTPATIENT COMMITMENTS. Filed 4/7/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to *AN ACT REQUIRING PHYSICIANS OR ELIGIBLE PSYCHOLOGISTS CONDUCTING EXAMINATIONS TO INFORM THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PHYSICIAN OR CENTER; TO ALLOW FIRST COMMITMENTS TO BE CONDUCTED VIA TELEMEDICINE; AND PERTAINING TO SECURITY FORCES AT CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FACILITIES.* Amends GS 122C-263(c) to allow the examination of a patient presented for commitment by either physical face-to-face presence or utilizing telemedicine equipment and procedures. Defines *telemedicine* as the use of two-way real time interactive audio and video between places of lesser and greater medical capability or expertise to provide and support health care when distance separates participants who are in different geographical locations. Enacts new GS 122C-430.30 to authorize that the Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services to designate special police officers under certain circumstances.

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SL 2009-315 (H 1189). DHHS/TRACKING OUTPATIENT COMMITMENTS. AN ACT REQUIRING PHYSICIANS OR ELIGIBLE PSYCHOLOGISTS CONDUCTING EXAMINATIONS TO INFORM THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PHYSICIAN OR CENTER; TO ALLOW FIRST COMMITMENTS TO BE CONDUCTED VIA TELEMEDICINE; AND PERTAINING TO SECURITY FORCES AT CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FACILITIES. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/7/09 and 5/12/09. Enacted July 17, 2009. Effective July 17, 2009.