

4.1 Voluntary Admission for Substance Abuse Treatment

A competent adult may voluntarily seek admission to a facility for substance abuse treatment pursuant to the same procedures set forth for mental health admissions in sections 122C-211 and 122C-212 of the North Carolina General Statutes (hereinafter G.S.). See *infra* Chapter 10. This chapter will address provisions applicable solely to a voluntary substance abuse admission. Counsel should be aware of these specific provisions in order to advise clients facing an involuntary commitment of the possible option of a voluntary admission.

An important distinction from an *involuntary* substance abuse commitment is that a “family unit” may be voluntarily admitted to a facility providing substance abuse treatment. This might be a crucial factor for a parent who does not want to separate from a young child during treatment.