

5.1 Overview

The North Carolina General Statutes provide for the voluntary admission of an adjudicated incompetent adult to facilities for the mentally ill and substance abusers. Procedures for the voluntary admission of competent adults generally apply. *See supra* Chapter 4 and *infra* Chapter 10. The exception is that the acts required of the competent adult in applying for admission and consenting to treatment are performed by the legally responsible person, in this instance the guardian of the person or general guardian. As the admission is not a voluntary act by the person admitted, the statutes provide for appointment of counsel and judicial review of these admissions.