

9.6 Voluntary Admission and Discharge of Inmates

Chapter 122C contains only one paragraph governing the voluntary admission and discharge of inmates. *See* G.S. 122C-312. In practice, inmates needing psychiatric or substance abuse treatment receive treatment, if any, through the correctional system.

The statute states that the provisions of Chapter 122C for voluntary admission apply, except that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of the Department of Correction must jointly agree to the voluntary admission. G.S. 122C-312; *see supra* Chapter 4 and *infra* Chapter 10.