

Legislative Changes to Adult Protective Services Affecting Magistrates

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Session Overview

1. Provide background on adult protective services (APS) proceedings to help understand and give context to recent legislative changes to APS law
2. Identify three key changes to APS law impacting magistrates

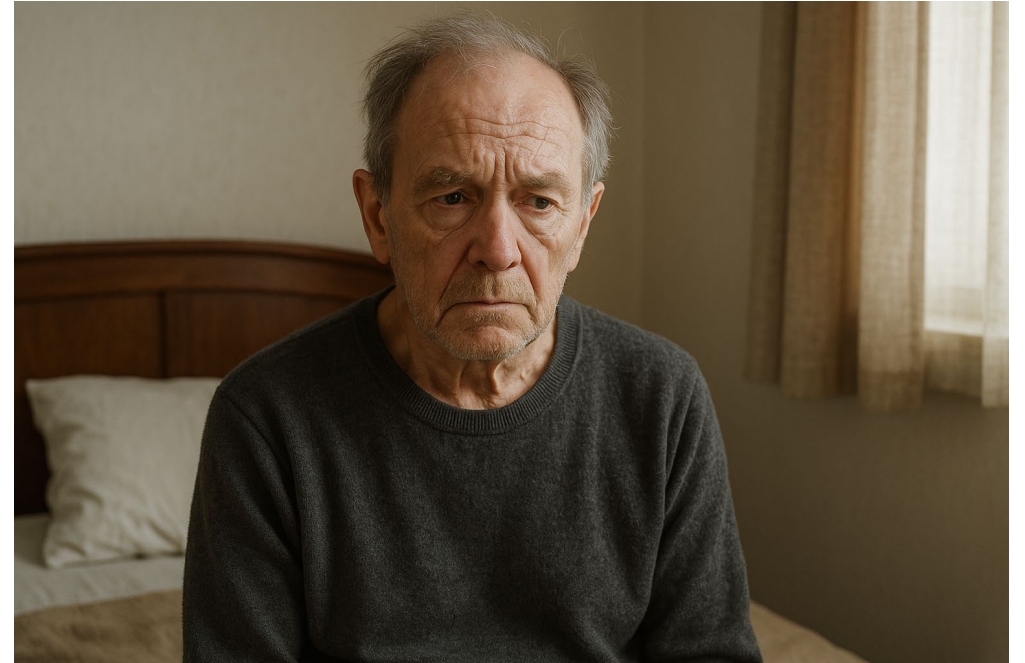
Background on APS Proceedings

The Case of Mr. Johnson

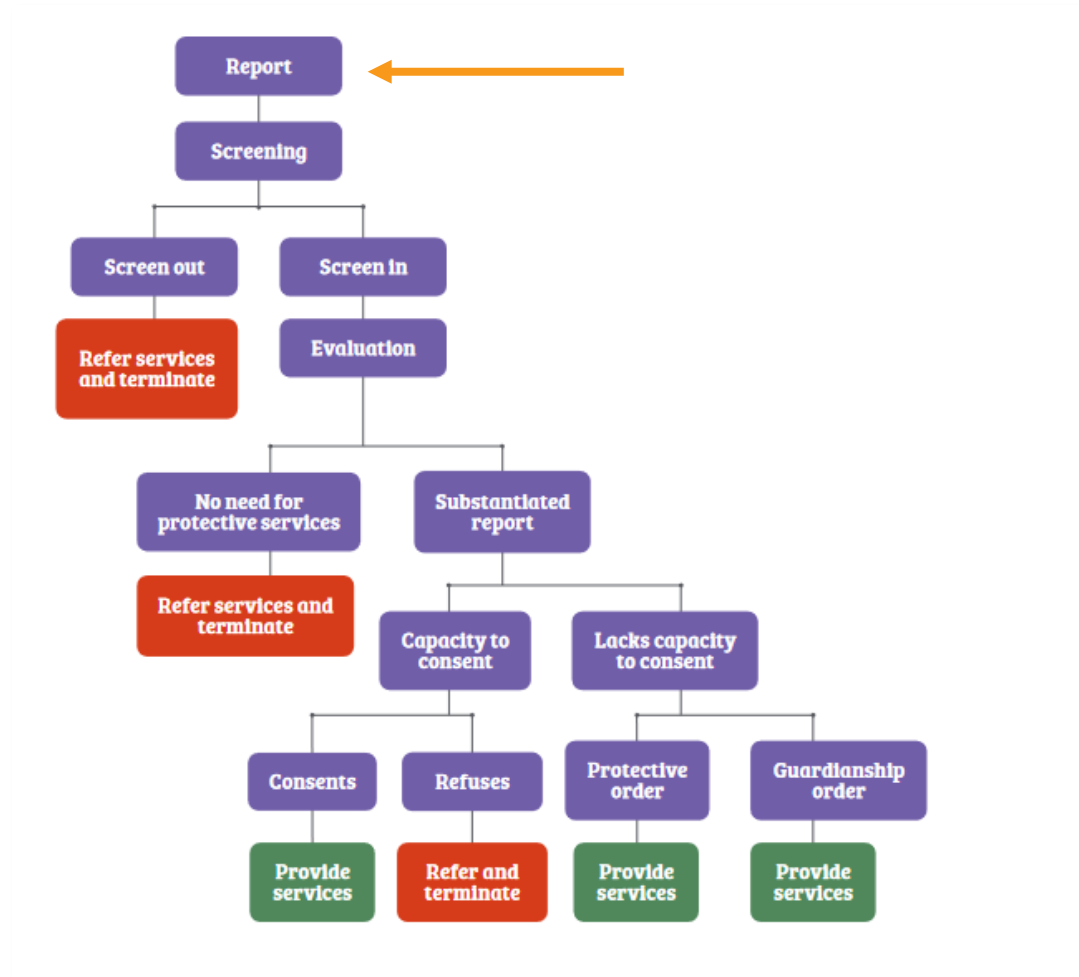
Mr. Johnson is a 68-year-old man with dementia who lives with his adult son, Frank. He has mobility issues and requires assistance getting in and out of bed. Frank helps him with meals, medication, and medical appointments. Mr. Johnson does not drive and relies on Frank for transportation.

Frank regularly yells at him, belittles him, and locks him in his bedroom for long stretches of the day “so he won’t wander.” Frank has recently failed to provide him with meals and medications. Mr. Johnson appears to have bed sores that are untreated and bruises that are consistent with falls.

Frank was arrested for a DUI and remains in jail. Mr. Johnson has no other family or friends.



Adult Protective Services: NC Mandatory Reporting Law



Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a disabled adult is in need of protective services shall **report** such information to the director.

G.S. 108A-102(a).

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Who is a disabled adult?

Any person who is

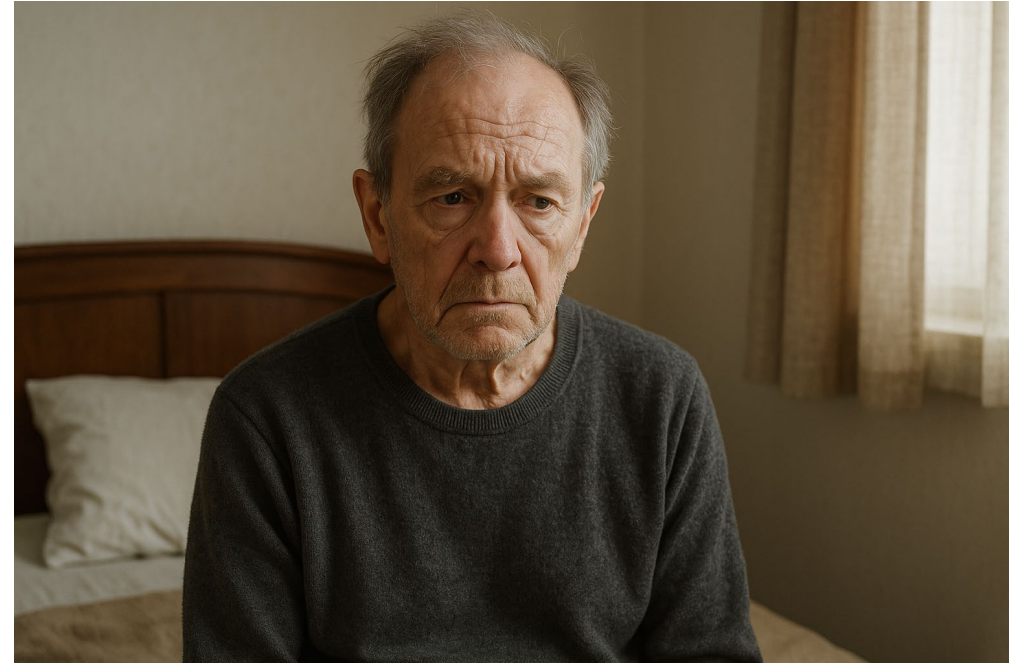
1. 18 years of age or over or a lawfully emancipated minor
2. Present in N.C. and
3. Who is **physically or mentally incapacitated** due to
 - a. an intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or autism;
 - b. organic brain damage caused by advanced age or other physical degeneration in connection therewith; or
 - c. conditions incurred at any age which are the result of accident, organic brain damage, mental or physical illness, or continued consumption or absorption of substances.

G.S. 108A-101(d).



The Case of Mr. Johnson: **Disabled Adult**

- Over 18
- Present in North Carolina
- Diagnosed with **dementia** which impairs his memory, judgment, and ability to make decisions and meet his basic needs
- **Physical limitations** which make him unable to get out of bed or move around without assistance



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Abuse

The willful infliction of physical pain, injury or mental anguish, unreasonable confinement, or the willful deprivation **by a caretaker*** of services necessary to maintain mental and physical health.

- Physical, sexual, or emotional abuse.

**Caretaker:* An individual who has responsibility for care of the disabled adult

- as a result of family relationship or
- voluntarily or by contract.

G.S. 108A-101(a), (b).

Neglect

A disabled adult who is

1. **Self-Neglect:** living alone and not able to provide for themselves the services necessary to maintain their mental or physical health
2. **Caretaker Neglect:** not receiving services from their caretaker.

G.S. 108A-101(m).

Exploitation

The illegal or improper use of a disabled adult or their resources for another's profit or advantage.

- Only prong not limited to self or caretaker.
- Includes but not limited to financial exploitation.

G.S. 108A-101(j).

The Case of Mr. Johnson:

Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation

Abuse

- Willful infliction of mental anguish by a caretaker – berated him and yelled at him
- Unreasonable confinement in his room by caretaker – locked him in his room

Neglect

- Not receiving necessary services from caretaker – not providing meals and medication



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Protective Services: How Needs are Met

Services provided by

- the State or
- other government or
- private organizations or
- individuals

which are necessary to protect the disabled adult from **abuse, neglect, or exploitation**.

They shall consist of

1. evaluation of the need for service and
2. mobilization of **essential services** on behalf of the disabled adult.

G.S. 108A-101(n).



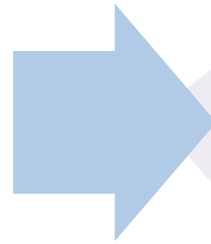
Essential Services: What the Adult Lacks/Needs

Social, medical, psychiatric, psychological or legal services necessary to safeguard the disabled adult's rights and resources and to maintain the physical or mental well-being of the individual.

G.S. 108A-101(i).

Protective Services (How)

- APS report; evaluation; substantiation
- Consent or court authorization for services (APS or guardianship proceeding)
 - Case management; coordination
 - Referral; advocacy



Essential Services (What)

- Medical care; medication access
 - Food and nutrition
 - Shelter and safety
 - Personal care
 - Utility restoration

Disabled Adult “In Need of” Protective Services

The person:

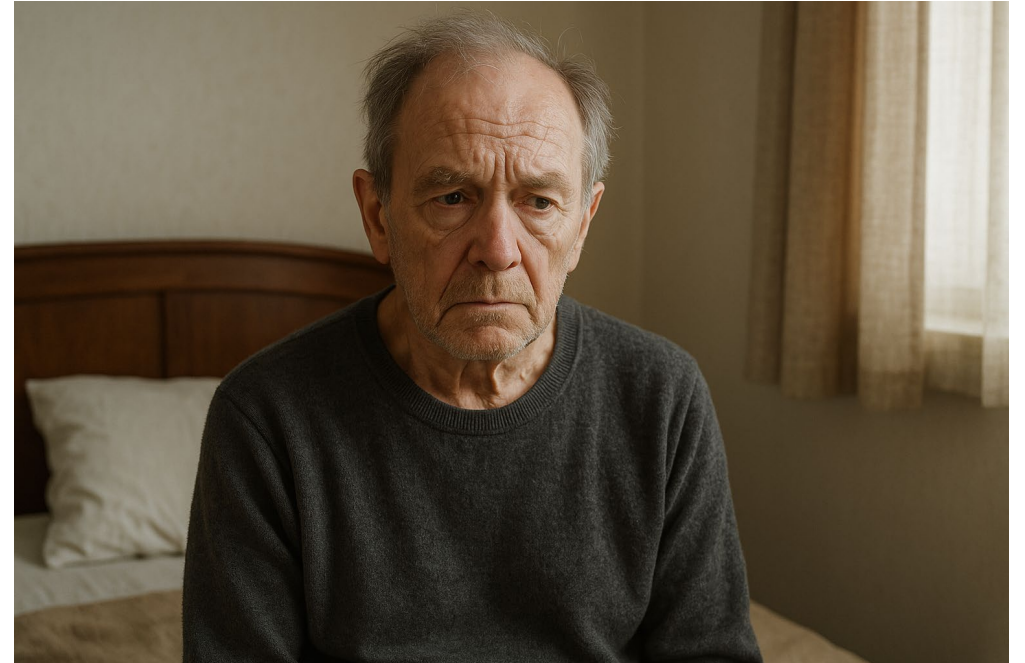
- **(personal limitation)** due to his physical or mental incapacity, is unable to perform or obtain for themselves essential services and
- **(external limitation)** is without able, responsible, and willing persons to perform or obtain for his essential services.

G.S. 108A-101(e).

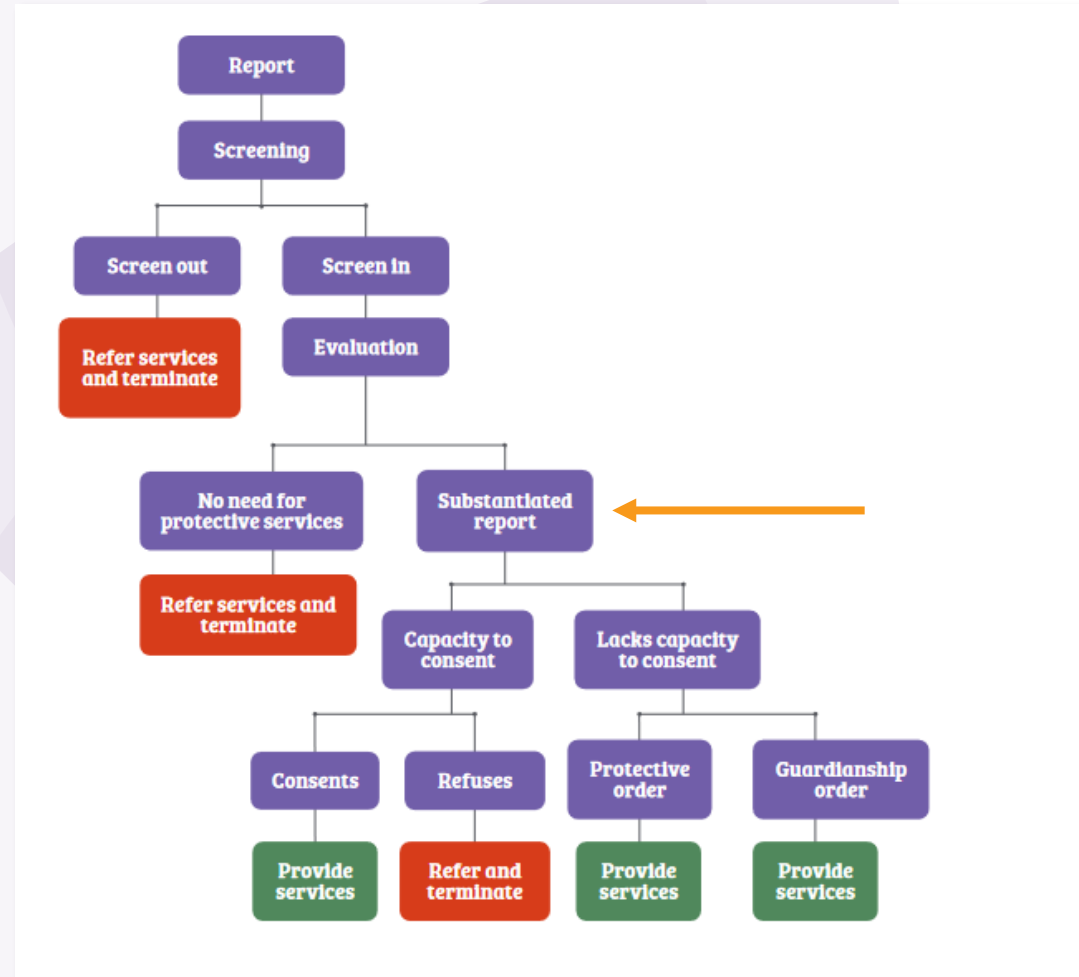
The Case of Mr. Johnson:

In Need of Protective Services

- Unable to provide basic care for himself – food, medication, transportation
- Relies on Frank to provide for him as his caretaker, but Frank has failed to do so
- Untreated bed sores and bruises
- Unable to safely get out of bed or move around independently, which places him at risk of falls and worsening sores
- Alone and has no other friends or family and there is no evidence of any other person such as a guardian or an agent under a power of attorney who has legal authority to act on Mr. Johnson's behalf



Adult Protective Services: Process Overview



Substantiation of the Report

Following an evaluation, a determination must be made whether the report is **substantiated**, meaning all three conditions are met:

1. Disabled adult
2. Abused, neglected, or exploited
3. In need of protective services

Adult Protective Services: Process Overview



Substantiation of the Report: Role of Consent

Adult with capacity

- DSS must seek consent
- If consent received, DSS mobilizes essential services
- If consent **not** received, DSS may not provide services

Adult lacks capacity

- DSS petitions the court for order authorizing provision of services
 - APS order
 - Guardianship order

“Lacks Capacity to Consent to Services”

The person lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to **make or communicate responsible decisions** concerning his **person**.

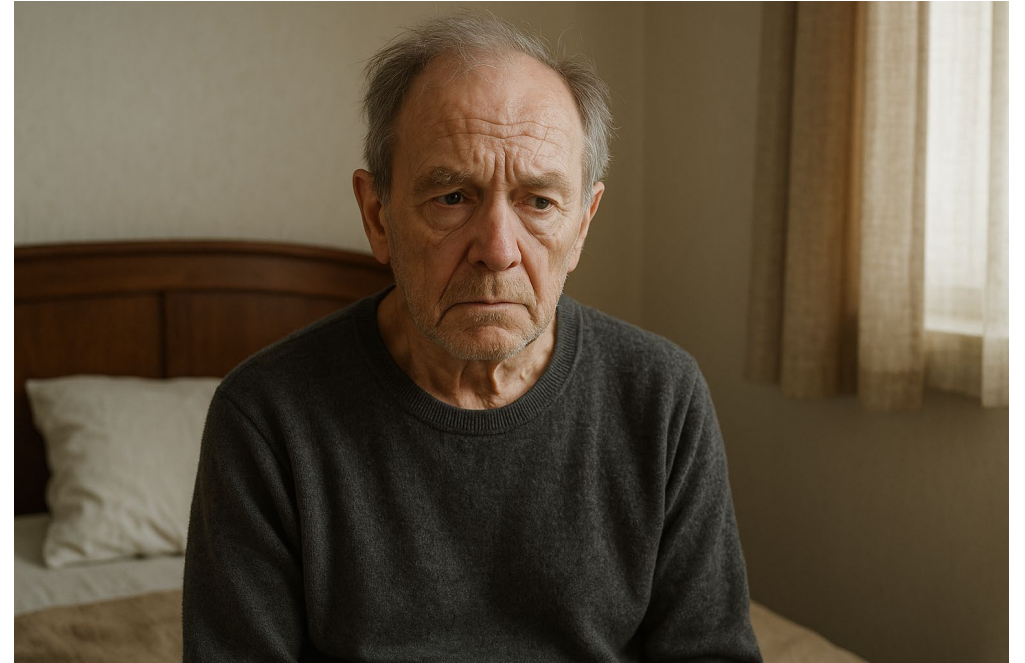
This includes, but is not limited to, provisions for health or mental health care, food, clothing, or shelter, because of physical or mental incapacity.

G.S. 108A-101(l).

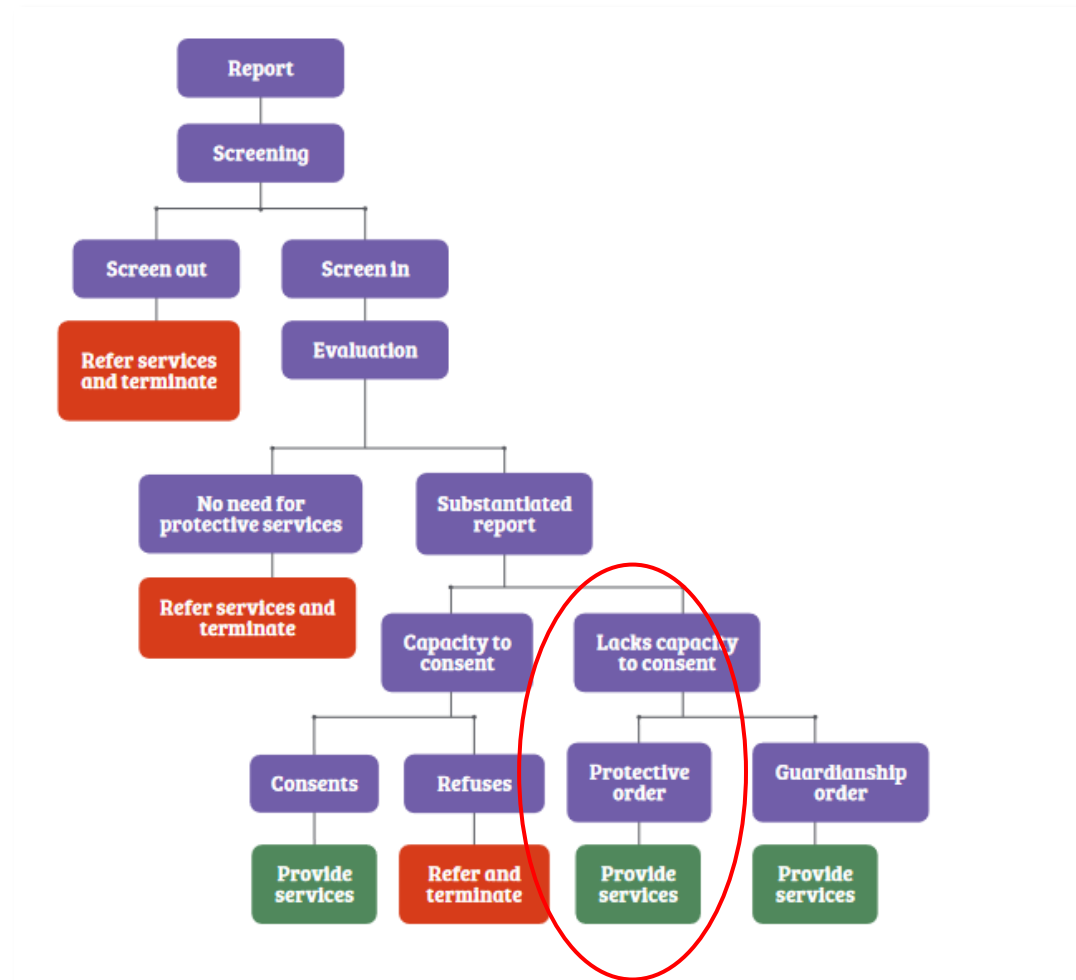
The Case of Mr. Johnson:

Lacks Capacity to Consent

- Severity of the dementia?
- Dementia coupled with other facts in the case demonstrating a lack of functional capacity
 - Does not remember to take food or medicine
 - Unable to manage his own medications or recognize the need for medical care
 - Unable to maintain safe housing



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APS Protective Order: G.S. Chapter 108A, Article 6

Ex Parte

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Emergency
Services

(Up to 14 days)

G.S. 108A-106(d)

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G.S. 108A-105

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(Hearing within 14
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petition)

G.S. 108A-105

Grounds: Order Authorizing Protective Services, G.S. 108A-105

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G.S. 108A-106(d)

Order
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(Hearing ASAP – at
least 24 hours
notice required)

G.S. 108A-106

Order
Authorizing
Protective
Services

(Up to 60 days;
extended 60 days)

G.S. 108A-105

Grounds: Order Authorizing Emergency Services, G.S. 108A-106

1. Disabled adult
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3. Disabled adult in need of protective services
4. Disabled adult lacks the capacity to consent to services
5. An emergency* exists
6. No other person authorized by law or order to give consent for the respondent is available and willing to arrange for emergency services

*Substantial danger of death or irreparable harm if protective services are not provided immediately together with other elements in G.S. 108A-101(g).

APS Protective Order: G.S. Chapter 108A, Article 6

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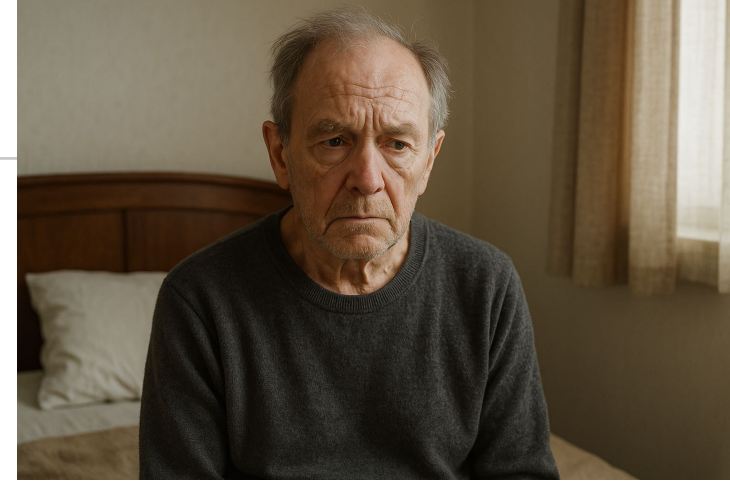
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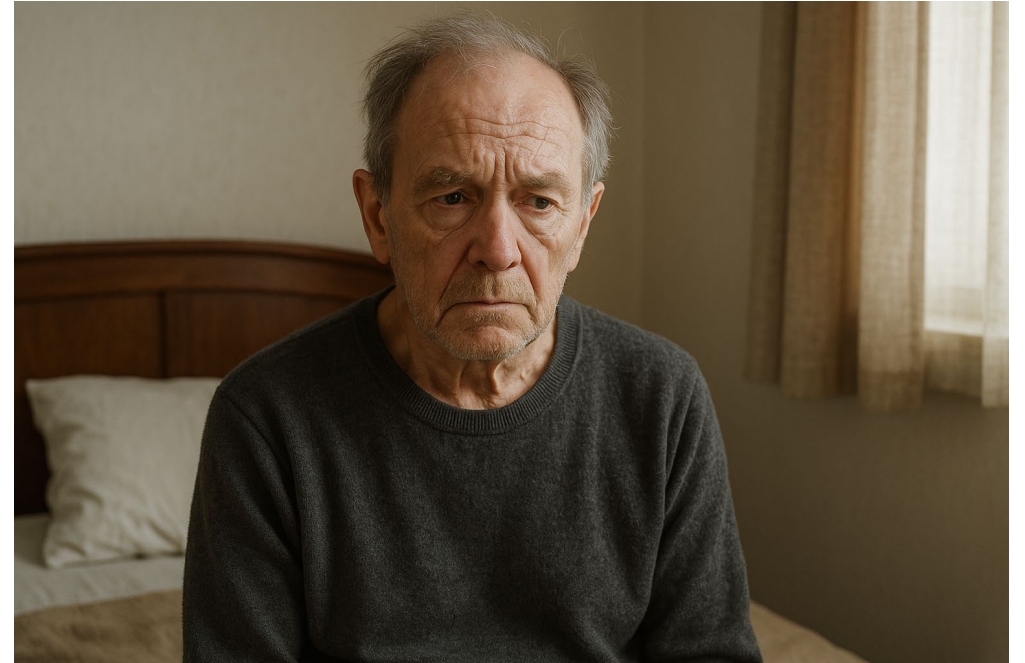


The Case of Mr. Johnson:

Emergency + Irreparable Harm or Death if the Order is Delayed

No access to food, medication, or transportation.

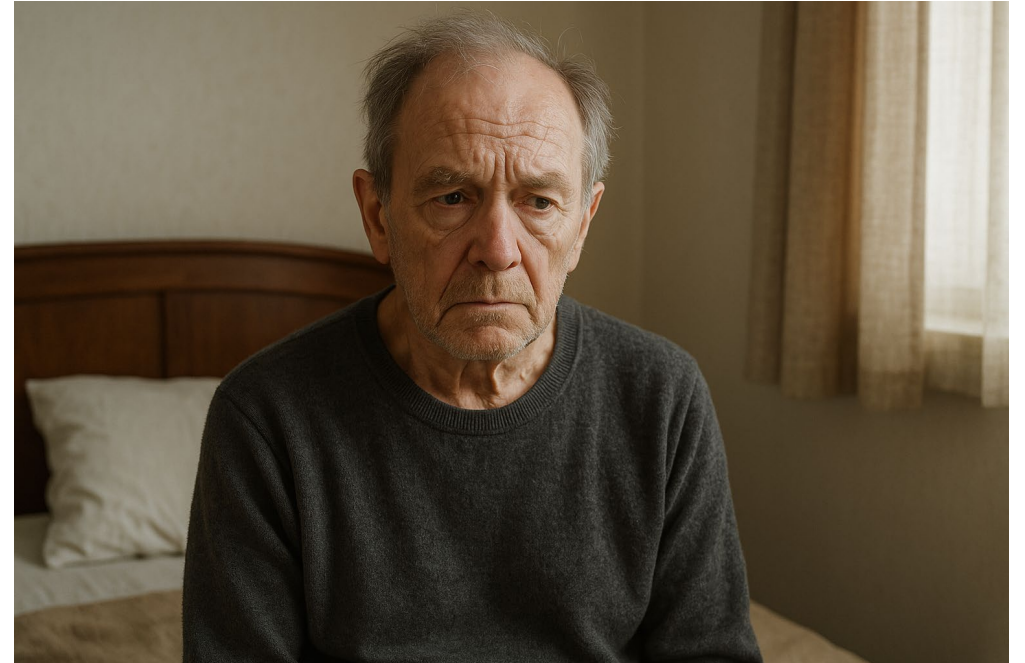
Home alone; no other means of support; caretaker who he is dependent on is in jail.



The Case of Mr. Johnson:

No Other Authorized Person + Reasonable Attempts to Locate Interested Parties and Secure Services

- Reliant on a caretaker
- Caretaker is in jail
- No other family or friends
- No agent under a power of attorney, guardian, or other authorized fiduciary to act on his behalf


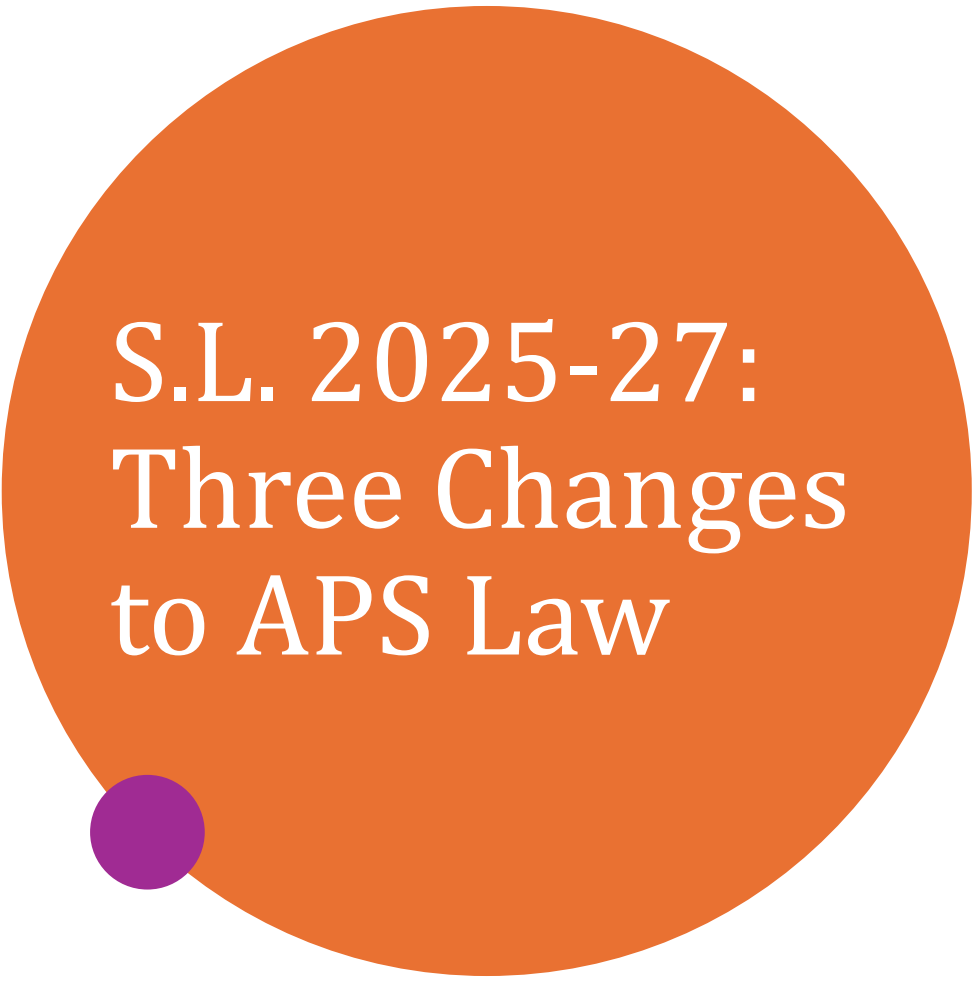


Petition Authorizing Protective/Emergency/Ex Parte Services

AOC-CV-770

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Legislative Changes Affecting Magistrates



S.L. 2025-27: Three Changes to APS Law

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#2: “Authorized Magistrates” may hear ex parte petitions for emergency services and enter ex parte orders

#3: District court judges and Authorized Magistrates to may authorize ex parte emergency services orders telephonically

Effective November 1, 2025

G.S. Chapter 108A, Article 6: Types of APS Orders

Ex Parte

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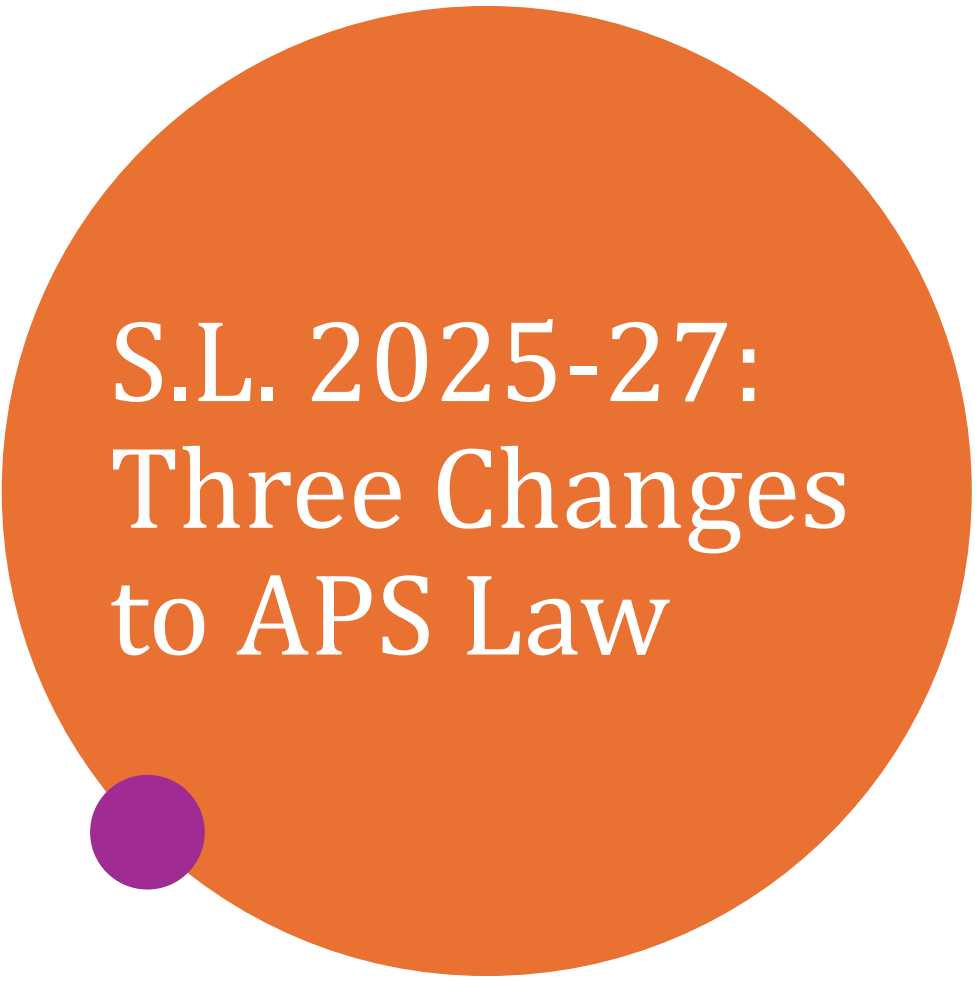
G.S. 108A-106(d)

Order
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G.S. 108A-106

Order
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G.S. 108A-105



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Effective November 1, 2025

#1: New G.S. 108A-106.1 – Filing When Clerk's Office is Closed

- (a) **When the office of the clerk is closed, a magistrate** shall accept for filing a **petition for an order authorizing the provision of emergency services** to a disabled adult and shall note the date of the filing.
- (b) The authority of the magistrate under this section is limited to **emergency situations in which a petition is filed under G.S. 108A-106 seeking an order ex parte** for the provision of emergency services to a disabled adult. Any magistrate who accepts a petition for filing under this section shall deliver the petition to the clerk's office for processing as soon as that office is open for business.

Two Key Limitations on Magistrate's Authority

The magistrate's authority to accept APS filings is limited to

1. When the clerk's office is closed
2. Petitions seeking ex parte relief (which will be combined with at least a petition for emergency services)

G.S. 108A-106.1

Petition for APS Orders Authorizing Services

1. Petition for order authorizing protective services
2. Petition for order authorizing emergency services



3. **Petition for ex parte emergency services + emergency services**
4. Petition for emergency services + protective services
5. **Petition for ex parte emergency services + emergency services + protective services**

→ All sought via **AOC-CV-770 Petition**

AOC-CV-770

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

County

File No.

In The General Court Of Justice
District Court Division

IN THE MATTER OF

Name And Address Of Respondent

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Telephone Number Of Petitioner

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PETITION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING

☐ **PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

☒ **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

☒ **EX PARTE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

AND APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

G.S. 1A-1, Rule 17; 108A-105, -106

Name And Address Of Attorney For Petitioner

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Telephone Number Of Petitioner's Attorney

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☐ No ☐ Yes: (explain)

The petitioner is the representative of the director of the county department of social services authorized to file this petition pursuant to G.S. 108A-14(a)(14) and G.S. Chapter 108A, Article 6, having sufficient knowledge to believe that the respondent is in need of protective services, alleges that:

Petition: AOC-CV-770

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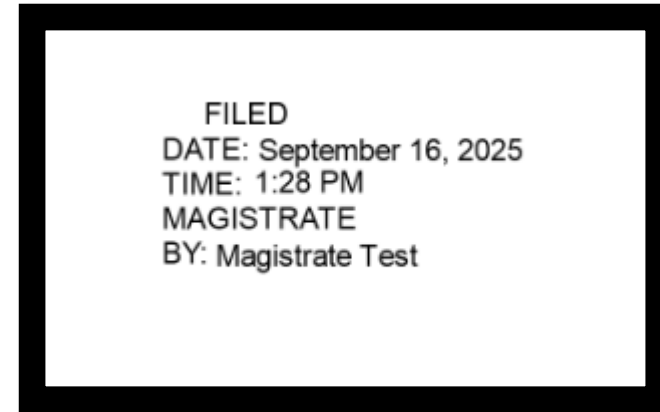
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Magistrate Receives the Filing: Next Steps

Upon receipt, the magistrate must note the date of the filing on the petition by placing their file stamp on it.

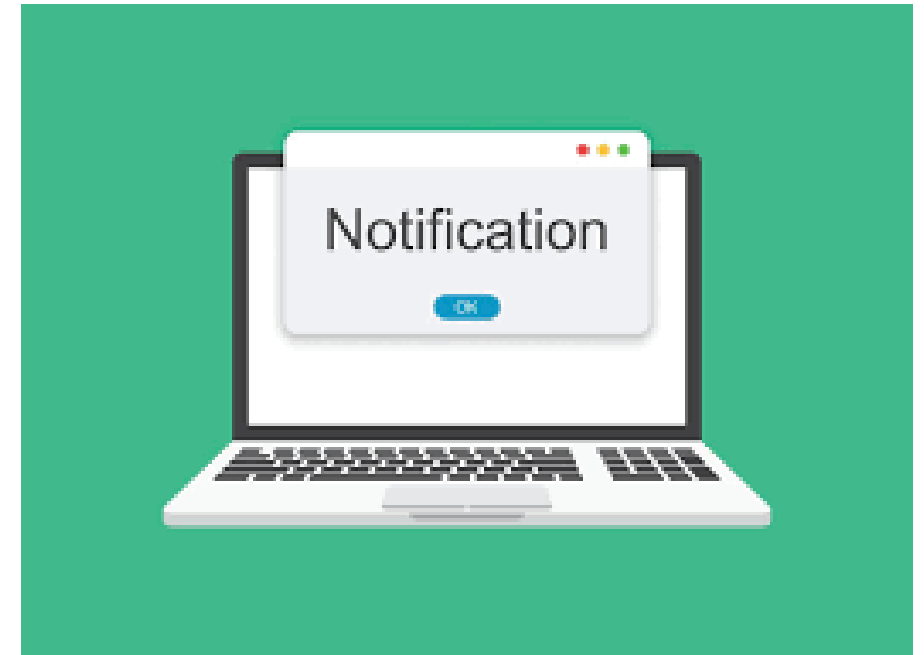
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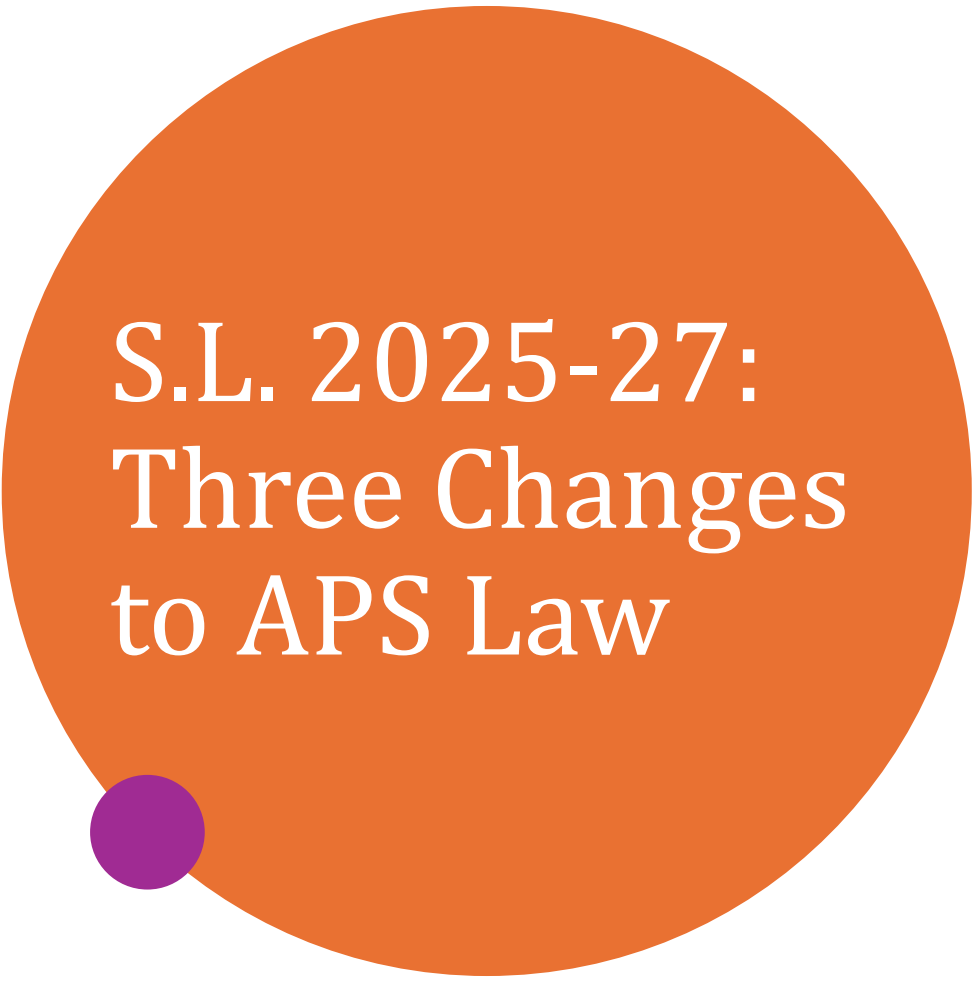


Magistrate Receives the Filing: Next Steps

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G.S. 108A-106.1(b).





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Effective November 1, 2025

Prior to November 1, 2025

G.S. 108A, Article 6:

“Court” authorized to preside over APS proceedings and enter APS orders authorizing services limited to a **district court judge**.



#2: New G.S. 108A-106.2 – Ex Parte Emergency Orders by Authorized Magistrates

(a) The chief district court judge **may authorize one or more magistrates** to hear **ex parte motions** for the provision of emergency services to disabled adults and **issue a show-cause notice** in the order as required by G.S. 108A-106(d).

→ Method of authorization?

#2: New G.S. 108A-106.2 – Ex Parte Emergency Orders by Authorized Magistrates

- (a) The chief district court judge may authorize one or more magistrates to hear ex parte motions for the provision of emergency services to disabled adults and issue a show-cause notice in the order as required by G.S. 108A-106(d). **A magistrate may proceed** with hearing a motion ex parte and issuing a show-cause notice under this subsection **only if, prior to the hearing, the magistrate determines that at the time the party is seeking emergency services ex parte the district court is not in session and a district court judge is not and will not be available to hear the motion.**

→ Does the chief's authorization define when a judge is "not available to hear the motion"?

“Authorized Magistrate” to Enter Ex Parte Orders

1. Chief district court judge authorized the magistrate to hear the petition and enter the ex parte order,
2. District court is not in session, and
3. A district court judge is not and will not be available to hear the motion.

G.S. 108A-106.2(a).

Standard of Proof

Emergency APS order (including ex parte orders)

- “Reasonable cause to believe....”

Regular APS order

- “Clear, cogent, and convincing evidence...”



Grounds: Ex Parte Order Authorizing Emergency Services, G.S. 108A-106(d)

1. Disabled adult
2. Subject to abuse, neglect, or exploitation
3. Disabled adult in need of protective services
4. Disabled adult lacks the capacity to consent to services
5. An emergency exists
6. No other person authorized by law or order to give consent for the respondent is available and willing to arrange for emergency services
7. There is a likelihood the respondent may suffer irreparable injury or death if the emergency services order is delayed
8. Reasonable attempts have been made to locate interested parties and secure emergency services from them or their consent to services for the respondent

If the grounds for ex parte relief are met....

Then the judge or Authorized Magistrate:

1. enters an order authorizing emergency services* and
2. identifies in the order who is authorized to provide or give consent to emergency services.

* The court shall order only such emergency services (services necessary to maintain vital functions) as are necessary to remove the conditions creating the emergency; this may include taking physical custody of the disabled adult.

G.S. 108A-106(b).

Additional Steps: Whether Grant or Deny Ex Parte Relief

1. Consider whether to appoint an attorney

If the disabled adult, in the determination of the judicial official, lacks the capacity to waive the right to counsel, then **a guardian ad litem must be appointed pursuant to Rule 17** of the N.C. Rules of Civil Procedure and rules adopted by the Office of Indigent Defense Services. G.S. 108A-105(b).

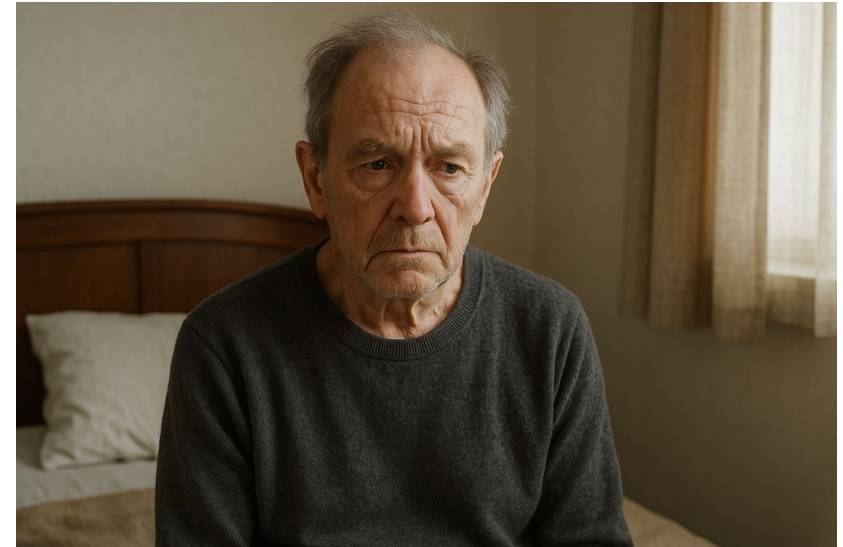
2. Schedule the hearing on the emergency services petition promptly


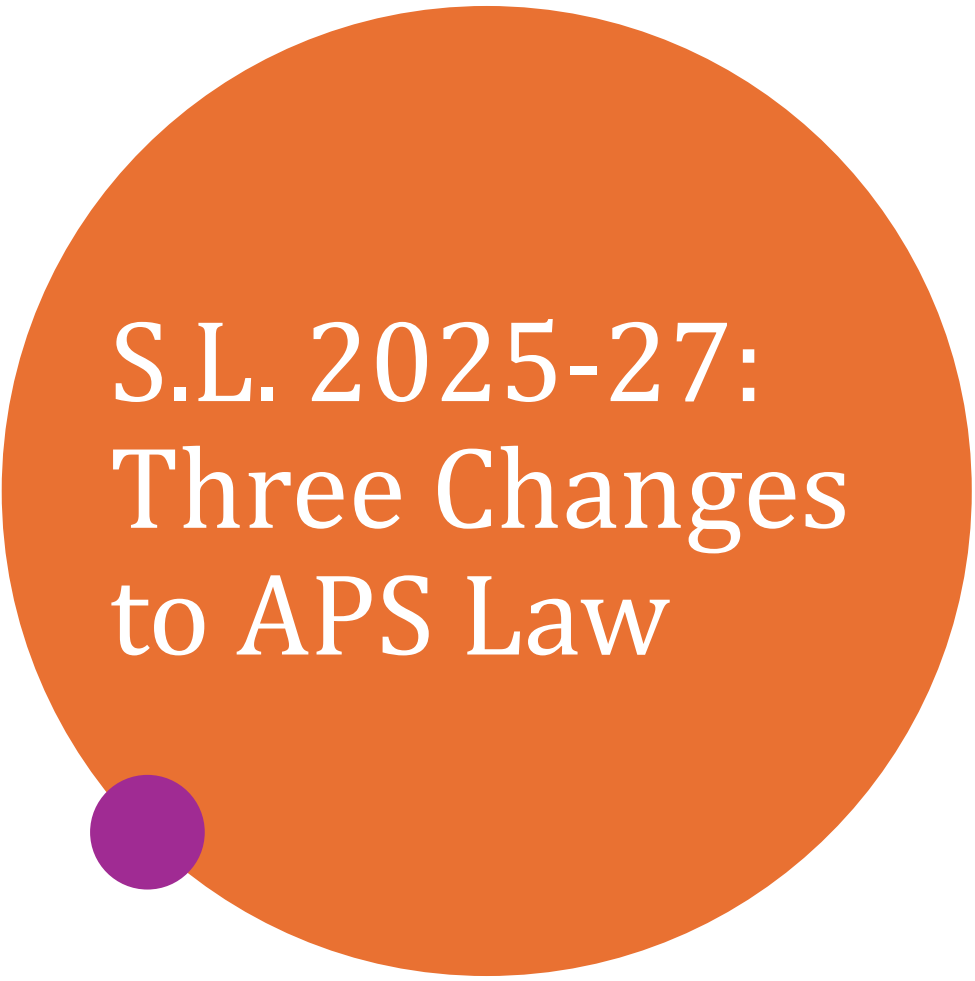
If the ex parte order is entered when the clerk's office is closed, then the magistrate may determine the hearing date and include that date on the notice of hearing. The emergency services hearing should be scheduled as soon as possible, but in any event, it must be scheduled for a date that is no more than 14 days from the entry of the ex parte emergency services order. See G.S. 108A-106(d).

The Case of Mr. Johnson:

Ex Parte Order for Emergency Services

- Authorization to provide or consent to emergency services reasonably necessary to remove the conditions creating the emergency
- Who is authorized to provide or give consent to provide: DSS (petitioner)
- **Emergency services:**
 - Authority to enter the premises
 - Authority to take physical custody of Mr. Johnson
 - Immediate medical evaluation and treatment
 - Nutritional support
 - Safe placement





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#3: District court judges and Authorized Magistrates to may authorize ex parte emergency services orders telephonically

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New G.S. 108A-106.2(c) - Telephonic authorizations

All authorizations for ex parte orders for emergency services may be made by telephone when other means of communication are impractical.



New G.S. 108A-106.2(c) - Telephonic authorizations

A copy of the petition for an order authorizing the provision of emergency services shall be provided to the **district court judge or the authorized magistrate** by any appropriate method, including hand delivery, facsimile, or electronic means.



New G.S. 108A-106.2(c) - Telephonic authorizations

Any order entered pursuant to telephonic communication must bear:

- the name and the title of the DSS director,
- the name and the title of the district court judge or Authorized Magistrate issuing the ex parte order,
- the hour and date of the telephonic authorization, and
- the signature and the title of the clerk or magistrate receiving the authorization and entering the order and who accepted the petition for filing.

G.S. 108A-106.2(c).



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Legislative Changes to Ex Parte Proceedings for the Provision of Emergency Services to Disabled Adults



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On November 1, 2025, legislative changes to North Carolina adult protective services (APS) law take effect pursuant to [Session Law 2025-27, Part V](#). There are three primary changes reflected in two new statutes, G.S. 108A-106.1 and -106.2.

1. Magistrates are authorized to accept for filing petitions for the provision of emergency services to disabled adults when the clerk's office is closed and the petitioner requests the court enter an ex parte emergency services order. S. 108A-106.1.
2. Certain "Authorized Magistrates" (defined below) may hear petitions for the provision of emergency services to disabled adults and enter ex parte emergency services orders. G.S. 108A-106.2(a), (b).
3. District court judges and Authorized Magistrates may authorize ex parte emergency services

Questions?

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