

## CHAPTER 31

# Office of the Governor— Continuum of Care for Emotionally Disturbed Children Division

(Statutory Authority: 1976 Code §§ 20-7-5620 and 20-7-5640)

### **31-10. Minimum Eligibility Requirements.**

A. To be considered for selection as a client of the South Carolina Continuum of Care Emotionally Disturbed Children, an application must be submitted which establishes that the child meets the following minimum eligibility criteria:

1. be a legal resident of South Carolina;
2. have not yet reached his or her eighteenth birthday unless enrolled in a special education program for handicapped pupils;
3. be certified as severely emotionally disturbed by a psychiatrist, licensed clinical psychologist or a school psychologist certified by the South Carolina Department of Education;
4. have an emotional disturbance which has persisted for at least one year in spite of documented interventions provided in a therapeutic manner;
5. have treatment needs which are not being met by the existing service delivery systems and which require a comprehensive and organized system of care;
6. consent to, or if a minor, have the informed consent of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for services and treatment coordinated and delivered by the South Carolina Continuum of Care for Emotionally Disturbed Children; and
7. consent to, or if a minor, have the informed consent for the release of information to and by the South Carolina Continuum of Care for Emotionally Disturbed Children.

B. An independent selection panel will consider those applicants determined to be the most severely emotionally disturbed and select from among them to fill available client slots.

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