

Title 22. Social Security
**Division 5. Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies,
Clinics, and Referral Agencies**

Chapter 4. Intermediate Care Facilities

Article 1. Definitions

Amend Section 73103 as follows:

73103. Social Worker.

Social worker means a person who ~~is licensed as a licensed clinical social worker by~~
the Board of Behavioral Sciences.;

(a) Is licensed as a clinical social worker by the Board of Behavioral Sciences; or

(b) Has a Master of Social Work degree from a school of social work accredited by the
Council on Social Work Education and has one year of social work experience in a
health care setting.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 1275 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. Reference:
Sections 1276, 1276.1, 131050, 131051 and 131052, Health and Safety Code.

Article 3. Services

Amend Section 73449 as follows:

73449. Social Work Service Unit.

a) Social work services are those services ~~that~~ which assist staff, patients, and patients' families to understand and cope with the patient's personal, emotional, and related health and environmental problems.

(b) An unlicensed social worker shall only provide those social work services for which no license is required under Business and Professions Code section 4996.

(b) A social work service unit shall meet the following requirements:

~~(21)~~ Within five days after admission, ~~Each patient within five days after admission~~ shall be interviewed and a social work assessment completed. When indicated, a social work treatment plan reviewed and approved by the social worker shall be carried out, as appropriate, by the social worker, social work assistant, or social work aide.

~~(42)~~ The social worker, social work assistant, or social work aide shall develop a plan, including goals and treatment, for social work services for each patient who needs them, with participation of the patient, the family, the patient's licensed healthcare practitioner acting within the scope of his or her professional licensure, the supervisor of health services, and other appropriate staff.

(3) Signed and dated progress reports shall be written at least monthly in the health record of each patient receiving social services, by the social worker, social work assistant, or social work aide.

(4) The social worker, social work assistant, or social work aide shall participate in regular staff conferences with the attending licensed healthcare practitioner acting within the scope of his or her professional licensure, the director of nursing service, and other appropriate personnel.

(5) There shall be discharge planning and implementation through liaison with local health and welfare agencies, other community personnel, and the patient's family or authorized representative.

(6) Orientation and in-service training of other staff members on all shifts shall be conducted at least monthly by the social worker in charge of the social work service, to assist in the recognition and understanding of the emotional problems and social needs of patients and families, and to learn how to implement appropriate action to meet such identified needs. Orientation and training shall include informing the staff about available community resources and services.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 1275, 100275 and 131200, Health and Safety Code.
Reference: Sections 1276, 1316.5, 131050, 131051 and 131052, Health and Safety Code.

Chapter 5. Referral Services

Article 1. Definitions

Amend Section 74023 as follows:

74023. Social Worker.

Social worker means a person who ~~is licensed as a licensed clinical social worker by the Board of Behavioral Sciences.;~~

(a) Is licensed as a clinical social worker by the Board of Behavioral Sciences; or

(b) Has a Master of Social Work degree from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and has one year of social work experience in a health care setting.

Note: Authority cited: Sections ~~1275~~ and 131200, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections ~~1276~~, 131050, 131051 and 131052, Health and Safety Code.

Chapter 6. Home Health Agencies

Article 1. Definitions

Amend Section 74653 as follows:

74653. Social Worker.

Social worker means a person who ~~is licensed as a licensed clinical social worker by the Board of Behavioral Sciences.;~~

(a) Is licensed as a clinical social worker by the Board of Behavioral Sciences; or

(b) Has a Master of Social Work degree from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and has one year of social work experience in a health care setting.

Note: Authority cited: Sections ~~4275~~1734 and 131200, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections ~~4276~~, 1727, 1734, 131051 and 131052, Health and Safety Code.

Article 3. Services

Amend Section 74713 as follows:

74713. Medical Social Services.

(a) Medical social services shall be provided by a social worker or by a social work assistant under the supervision of a social worker and in accordance with a plan of treatment.

(b) An unlicensed social worker shall only provide those social work services for which no license is required under Business and Professions Code section 4996.

(b)c) The social worker or the social work assistant's duties include:

(1) Assisting the physician and other team members in understanding the significant social and emotional factors related to the health problems.

(2) Participating in the development of the plan of treatment.

(3) Observing, recording and reporting information on the patient's condition to the attending physician and in the patient's health record.

(4) Advising, counseling, and when appropriate, instructing family in patient's social needs.

(5) Using ~~Utilizing~~ appropriate community resources.

(6) Participating in discharge planning.

(7) Participating in in-service education programs. Participation will be carried out by the social worker.

Note: Authority cited: Sections ~~208 (a)~~ 1734 and 131200, Health and Safety Code.
Reference: Sections 1727 and 1734, Health and Safety Code.

Chapter 8. Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled

Article 1. Definitions

Amend Section 76149 as follows:

76149. Social Worker.

(a) Social worker means a person who ~~is licensed as a licensed clinical social worker by the Board of Behavioral Sciences.;~~

(1) Is licensed as a clinical social worker by the Board of Behavioral Sciences; or

(2) Has a Master of Social Work degree from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and has one year of social work experience in a health care setting.

(b) Through (c) No change to text

Note: Authority cited: Sections 1275 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 1276, 1276.1, 131050, 131051 and 131052, Health and Safety Code.

Chapter 10. Adult Day Health Centers

Article 1. Definitions

Amend Section 78097 as follows:

78097. Social Worker.

Social worker means a person who ~~is licensed as a licensed clinical social worker by the Board of Behavioral Sciences.;~~

- a) Is licensed as a clinical social worker by the Board of Behavioral Sciences; or
- b) Holds a Master of Social Work degree from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or
- c) Holds a master's degree in psychology, gerontology, or counseling from a accredited school, and has one year of experience providing social services in one or more of the fields of aging, health, or long-term care services; or
- d) Holds a bachelor's degree in social work from an accredited school with two years of experience providing social services in one or more of the fields of aging, health, or long-term care services.

Note: Authority cited: Sections ~~4275~~1580 and 131200, Health and Safety Code.
Reference: Sections ~~4276~~, 1570.7, 131050, 131051, and 131052, Health and Safety Code.

Article 3. Services

Amend Section 78339 as follows:

78339. Basic Program Service: Social Services.

(a) The adult day health center shall provide social services to assist participants and their families to solve medical social problems that arise as a result of the participant's disability.

(b) An unlicensed social worker shall only provide those social work services for which no license is required under Business and Professions Code section 4996.

~~(b)~~ Medical social services shall consist of at least the following:

(1) Initial and continuing assessment of the participant by the medical social worker in the formation of an individual plan of care by the multidisciplinary team.

(2) Maintaining signed progress records in the participant's health record at least quarterly.

(3) ~~Assuming~~ Assumption of responsibility for implementation and coordination of the discharge plan.

(4) Providing referral to outside resources and assisting with counseling when applicable.

(5) Providing problem oriented discussion groups among participants.

(6) Serving as a liaison with the participant's family and home.

(7) Providing referral and follow-up for referred persons not appropriate for adult day health care.

~~(e)~~ Medical social services shall be provided or supervised by a social worker.

~~(d)~~ The medical social worker shall be a full-time employee of the adult day health center.

(ef) A social work assistant or social work aide shall provide medical social services only under the supervision of the medical social worker.

(fg) Space to allow privacy shall be provided for the medical social worker when counseling participants.

Note: Authority cited: Sections ~~208(a)~~1580 and 131200, Health and Safety Code.
Reference: Section 1580, Health and Safety Code.