420-5-10.01 Definitions

(1) Definitions - (a list of selected terms often used in connection with these rules):

...(qq) "Social Service Consultant" - An individual who meets the requirements of and is certified by the State of Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners.

(rr) "Social Service Designee" - A person employed by a facility with less than 120 beds on a full-time basis to meet the Social Service needs of residents. These persons must have a minimum of a G.E.D. or High School Diploma and have experience in dealing with the public.

(ss) "Social Worker" - A person who has either a Baccalaureate of Social Work or Masters of Social Work degree and is licensed in accordance with the Code of Alabama.

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420-5-10.08 Quality of Life.

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...(h) Social Services.

1. The facility must provide medically related social services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well being of each resident.

2. A facility with more than 120 beds must employ a qualified social worker on a full-time basis.

3. Qualifications of a social worker. A qualified social worker is an individual with:
(i) A Baccalaureate Degree or Masters Degree and is eligible for licensure and has successfully made application for licensure or is licensed in accordance with the Code of Alabama; and

(ii) One year of supervised social work experience in a health care setting working directly with individuals.

...(j) Facilities

1. Social Service personnel must be located in an area of the facility which:

(i) is easily accessible to residents, families, and staff;

(ii) is identified as the Social Service Office/Department and;

(iii) ensures privacy for interviews.