§11-94-2 Definitions.

"Social worker" means a person who has a master's degree from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or has a bachelor's degree from an accredited school of social work, plus two years experience in a hospital, skilled nursing or intermediate care facility, or some other health care agency or facility. "Social work designee" means a staff person with on-the-job training who is supervised by means of consultation with a qualified social worker.


§11-94-32 Social work services.

(a) Social work services shall be provided by the facility and be available to all patients, their families, and other significant persons in order to enable them to deal with the impact of illness on individual and family functioning.

(b) The number of hours of social service consultation which must be provided by the facility shall be appropriate to the size of the facility and shall be determined by the director.

(c) Social work services shall be documented in each patient's record and include at least:

(1) A social history and assessment of current social and emotional needs.

(2) A current social work plan to meet identified needs.

(3) Regular progress notes indicating the patient's status.

(4) Appropriate discharge plans.

(5) Evidence of regular review of social work and discharge plans in conjunction with the overall plan of care.

(d) Social work staff shall have appropriately furnished facilities which are easily accessible to the patients being served and which provide privacy for interviews, counseling, and telephone conversations.
