Section 300.330 Definitions

Social Worker – a person who is a licensed social worker or a licensed clinical social worker under the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act [225 ILCS 20].

Section 300.830 Consultation Services

...b) If the staff member designated to provide social services is not a social worker, the facility shall have an effective arrangement with a social worker to provide social service consultation. Skilled nursing facilities must provide a social worker to meet this requirement.

(Source: Amended at 13 Ill. Reg. 4684, effective March 24, 1989)

Section 300.820 Categories of Personnel

e) The facility shall designate a staff member(s) to provide social services to residents. (B)

(Source: Amended at 13 Ill. Reg. 4684, effective March 24, 1989)

Section 300.7050 Staffing[Alzheimer’s Special Care Unit]

...c) All staff who ever work on the unit (e.g., nurses, CNAs, housekeepers, social services and activities staff, and food service staff) shall receive at least four hours of dementia-specific orientation within the first 7 days of working on the unit. This orientation shall include:

1) Basic information about the nature, progression, and management of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia;

2) Techniques for creating an environment that minimizes challenging behavior from residents with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia;

3) Methods of identifying and minimizing safety risks to residents with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia; and

4) Techniques for successful communication with individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia.

...e) Nurses, CNAs, and social services and activities staff who work on the unit at least 50 percent of the time that they work at the facility shall attend at least 12 hours of continuing
education every year, specifically related to serving residents with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. (Completion of the 12 hours of orientation in accordance with subsection (d) of this Section may be counted as continuing education for the year in which this orientation is completed.) Topics shall include, but not be limited to:

1) Promoting the philosophy of an ability-centered care framework;

2) Promoting resident dignity, independence, individuality, privacy and choice;

3) Resident rights and principles of self-determination;

4) Medical and social needs of residents with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia;

5) Assessing resident capabilities and developing and implementing services plans;

6) Planning and facilitating activities appropriate for a resident with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia;

7) Communicating with families and others interested in the resident;

8) Care of elderly persons with physical, cognitive, behavioral, and social disabilities;

9) Common psychotropics and their side effects; and

10) Local community resources.

(Source: Added at 28 Ill. Reg. 14623, effective October 20, 2004)