RULE §19.101 Definitions

... (133) Social worker--A qualified social worker is an individual who is licensed, or provisionally licensed, by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners as prescribed by the Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 505, and who has at least:

(A) a bachelor's degree in social work; or

(B) similar professional qualifications, which include a minimum educational requirement of a bachelor's degree and one year experience met by employment providing social services in a health care setting.

RULE §19.703 Social Services General Requirements

(a) The facility must provide medically-related social services to attain the highest practicable physical, mental, or psychosocial well-being of each resident. See also §19.901 of this title (relating to Quality of Care) for information concerning psychosocial functioning.

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

(2) A facility of 120 beds or less must employ or contract with a qualified social worker (or in lieu thereof, a social worker who is licensed by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners, and who meets the requirements of subsection (b)(2) of this section) to provide social services a sufficient amount of time to meet the needs of the residents.

(b) A qualified social worker is an individual who is licensed, including a temporary or provisional license, by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners as prescribed by Chapter 50 of the Human Resources Code, and who has at least:

(1) a bachelor's degree in social work, or a bachelor's degree in a human services field, including, but not limited to, sociology, special education, rehabilitation counseling, and psychology; and

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

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RULE §19.704 Social Services Process

(a) The facility must ensure that psychosocial assessment and care planning are completed and reviewed or updated as provided in §19.801 and §19.802 of this title (relating to Resident Assessment and Comprehensive Care Plans).

(b) If indicated by the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) and/or the resident’s need, an in-depth psychosocial assessment is required. The social service needs of each resident must be identified and addressed by the direct provision of services or by arranging access to services.

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2208 Standards for Certified Alzheimer’s Facilities

(a) General requirements.

...(2) A social worker, licensed or temporarily licensed by the State of Texas, must be utilized as Community/Family Support Coordinator whose functions must include:

(A) evaluation of resident’s initial social history on admission;

(B) utilization of community resources;

(C) conducting quarterly family support group meetings; and

(D) identification and utilization of existing Alzheimer’s network.