388-97-0960 Social services.

The nursing home must:

(1) Provide medically related social services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident; and

(2) Employ a qualified social worker on a full-time basis if the nursing home has more than one hundred twenty beds. A qualified social worker is an individual with:

(a) 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

(b) One year of supervised social work experience in a health care setting working directly with patients or residents.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. 08-20-062, § 388-970960, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]

388-97-3660 Offices in new construction.

The nursing home must provide:

(1) Office space convenient to the work area for the administrator, the director of nursing services, medical records staff, social services staff, activities director, and other personnel as appropriate.