5.11. Social Services.

5.11.a. The nursing home shall provide medically-related social services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident.

5.11.b. A nursing home with sixty (60) or more beds shall employ a qualified social worker on a full-time basis.

5.11.c. A qualified social worker is a person with:

5.11.c.1. A license to practice social work in the State of West Virginia; and

5.11.c.2. Who has a demonstrated ability to provide medically-related social services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident.

§64-85-8. Social Services. [Alzheimer’s/dementia special care unit or program]

8.1. A licensed social worker or licensed professional counselor shall be responsible for providing the alzheimer’s/dementia special care unit or program with the following services:

8.1.a. A comprehensive social assessment of each resident which includes the following:

8.1.a.1. The resident’s preferred name;

8.1.a.2. The resident’s past places of residence;

8.1.a.3. The resident’s family support system, with names and telephone numbers;

8.1.a.4. The resident’s past employment status, career history, and educational level;

8.1.a.5. The resident’s place of birth;

8.1.a.6. The resident’s childhood history (i.e. rural or city, religion, lifestyle, culture);

8.1.a.7. Languages spoken;

8.1.a.8. Names of the resident’s parents, children, siblings and legal representative;
8.1.a.9. Names of the resident's pets; and

8.1.a.10. The resident's adult daily routines (i.e. hour of rising and sleep, habits, etc.); and

8.1.b. Participation in resident interdisciplinary care planning.