Ancillary Service— a service such as, but not limited to, podiatry, dental, audiology, vision, physical therapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy, psychological, and social services.

Social Service Designee— an individual responsible for arranging or directly providing medically-related social services.

1. Any person who is engaged in the practice of medicine, social services, facility administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment; or any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or nurse’s aid, who has actual knowledge of the abuse or neglect of a resident of a health care facility shall, within 24 hours, submit a complaint to the secretary or inform the unit or local law enforcement agency of such abuse or neglect.


HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 24:44 (January 1998).

§9721. Criminal History Provisions; Screening

A. Nursing homes shall have criminal history checks performed on nonlicensed personnel to include CNAs, housekeeping staff, activity workers, and social service personnel in accordance with R.S. 40:1300.5 et seq.

§9731. Complaint Process

I. Duty to Make Complaints; Penalty; Immunity

1. Any person who is engaged in the practice of medicine, social services, facility administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment; or any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or nurse’s aid, who has actual knowledge of the abuse or neglect of a resident of a health care facility shall, within 24 hours, submit a complaint to the secretary or inform the unit or local law enforcement agency of such abuse or neglect.

Subchapter F. Social Services

§9847. Social Services

A. A nursing home shall provide medically-related social services to meet the needs of each resident.


HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 24:61 (January 1998).

§9851. Social Service Personnel

A. An employee of the facility shall be designated as responsible for meeting the social services needs of the resident.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 24:61 (January 1998).