Sec. 242.302. TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING FACILITY ADMINISTRATORS. (a) The Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators is within the department. (b) The board is composed of nine members appointed by the governor as follows: (4) one social worker with experience in geriatrics who is not employed by a nursing facility; and Sec. 242.303. NURSING FACILITY ADMINISTRATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The Nursing Facility Administrators Advisory Committee is appointed by the governor. (c) The committee shall consist of: (4) one social worker with experience in geriatrics who is not employed by a nursing facility; and Sec. 242.403. STANDARDS FOR QUALITY OF LIFE AND QUALITY OF CARE. (a) The department shall adopt standards to implement Sections 242.401 and 242.402. Those standards must, at a minimum, address: (10) social services and activities; RULE §19.101 Definitions (56) Licensed health professional--A physician; physician assistant; nurse practitioner; physical, speech, or occupational therapist; pharmacist; physical or occupational therapy assistant; registered professional nurse; licensed vocational nurse; licensed dietitian; or licensed social worker. (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. Source Note: The provisions of this §19.703 adopted to be effective May 1, 1995, 20 TexReg 2393; amended to be effective August 1, 2000, 25 TexReg 6779
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. Source Note: The provisions of this §19.704 adopted to be effective May 1, 1995, 20 TexReg 2393.

RULE §19.804 Capacity Assessment for Self Care and Financial Management
(d) The Capacity Assessment for Self Care and Financial Management will be performed by the facility social worker, with assistance from other professionals as requested by the social worker.

RULE §19.2208 Standards for Certified Alzheimer's Facilities
(b) Staff.
(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.