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420-5-10-.01 Definitions

(1) Definitions - (a list of selected terms often used in connection with these rules):

(qq) "Social Service Consultant" - An individual who meets the requirements of and is certified by the State of Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners.

(rr) "Social Service Designee" - A person employed by a facility with less than 120 beds on a full-time basis to meet the Social Service needs of residents. These persons must have a minimum of a G.E.D. or High School Diploma and have experience in dealing with the public.

(ss) "Social Worker" - A person who has either a Baccalaureate of Social Work or Masters of Social Work degree and is licensed in accordance with the Code of Alabama.

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420-5-10-03 Administrative Management. In this chapter,

(8) Required training of nursing aides - Definition. Licensed health professional means a physician; physician assistant; nurse practitioner; physical, speech, or occupational therapist; physical or occupational therapy assistant; registered professional nurse; licensed practical nurse; licensed or certified social worker, or dietitians.

Nurse aide means any individual providing nursing related services to residents in a facility who is not a licensed health professional, a registered dietitian, or someone who volunteers to provide such services without pay.

420-5-10-.08 Quality of Life.

(1) Quality of Life. A facility must care for its residents in a manner and in an environment that promotes maintenance or enhancement of each resident's quality of life.

(h) Social Services.

1. The facility must provide medically related social services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well being of each resident.

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

3. Qualifications of a social worker. A qualified social worker is an individual with:

(i) A Baccalaureate Degree or Masters Degree and is eligible for Licensure and has successfully made application for Licensure or is licensed in accordance with the Code of Alabama; and

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

(j) Facilities

1. Social Service personnel must be located in an area of the facility which:

(i) is easily accessible to residents, families, and staff;

(ii) is identified as the Social Service Office/Department and;

(iii) ensures privacy for interviews.

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