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39-1401. Abuse, neglect or exploitation of residents; definitions.

As used in this act:

(a) Any person who is licensed to practice any branch of the healing arts, a licensed psychologist, a licensed master level psychologist, a licensed clinical psychotherapist, a chief administrative officer of a medical care facility, an adult care home administrator or operator, a licensed social worker, a licensed professional nurse, a licensed practical nurse, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, licensed clinical professional counselor, registered alcohol and drug abuse counselor, a teacher, a bank trust officer and any other officers of financial institutions, a legal representative or a governmental assistance provider who has reasonable cause to believe that a resident is being or has been abused, neglected or exploited, or is in a condition which is the result of such abuse, neglect or exploitation or is in need of protective services, shall report immediately such information or cause a report of such information to be made in any reasonable manner to the department on aging with respect to residents defined under subsection (a)(1) of K.S.A. 39-1401 and amendments thereto, to the department of health and environment with respect to residents defined under subsection (a)(2) of K.S.A. 39-1401, and amendments thereto, and to the department of social and rehabilitation services and appropriate law enforcement agencies with respect to all other residents. Reports made to one department which are required by this subsection to be made to the other department shall be referred by the department to which the report is made to the appropriate department for that report, and any such report shall constitute compliance with this subsection. Reports shall be made during the normal working week days and hours of operation of such departments. Reports shall be made to law enforcement agencies during the time the departments are not open for business. Law enforcement agencies shall submit the report and appropriate information to the appropriate department on the first working day that such department is open for business. A report made pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4923 or 65-4924 and amendments thereto shall be deemed a report under this section.

26-39-100, Definitions

(e) "Protective services" means services provided by the state or other governmental agency or any private organizations or individuals which are necessary to prevent abuse, neglect or exploitation. Such protective services shall include, but not be limited to, evaluation of the need for services, assistance in obtaining appropriate social services and assistance in securing medical and legal services.

(ppp) "Social services designee" means an individual who meets at least one of the following qualifications:

- (1) Is licensed by the Kansas behavioral sciences regulatory board as a social worker;
- (2) has a bachelor's degree in a human service field, including social work, sociology, special education, rehabilitation counseling, or psychology, and receives supervision from a licensed social worker; or
- (3) has completed a course in social services coordination approved by the Kansas department of health and environment and receives supervision from a licensed social worker on a regular basis.

(qqq) "Social worker" means an individual who is licensed by the Kansas behavioral sciences regulatory board as a social worker.

28-39-153, Quality of Life

Each nursing facility shall care for its residents in a manner and in an environment that promotes maintenance or enhancement of each resident's quality of life.

(f) Social services.

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

(2) Any facility with more than 120 beds shall employ a full-time social service designee who:

(A) is a licensed social worker; or

(B)(i) meets the qualifications in K.A.R. 28-39-144 (bbb); and

(ii) receives supervision from a licensed social worker.

(3) Any facility with 120 beds or fewer shall employ a social services designee. If the social service designee is not a licensed social worker or meets the requirements in K.A.R. 28-39-144 (bbb) (2), a licensed social worker shall supervise the social service designee.

(4) The nursing facility shall employ social service personnel at a minimum weekly average of .09 hours per resident per day.

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 39-932; effective Nov. 1, 1993; amended Feb. 21, 1997.)