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§64-13-1. General Provisions.

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.

§64-85-6. Assessments and Plans of Care.

6.2. Within seven (7) days of admission, an interdisciplinary team including the unit coordinator, a social worker, the activities director, direct care staff and a registered nurse and other professional disciplines as appropriate, shall complete an initial assessment of a new resident which includes at a minimum: a social history; family supports; level of activities of daily living functioning; cognitive level; behavioral impairment; and nutritional status, including weight and nutritional requirements.

§64-85-8. Social Services.

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.

§21-1-3. Examinations.

3.2. Pre-examination requirements:

3.2.4. In addition to the completion of high school or secondary school education, the applicant shall have successfully completed a course of study in and been awarded a baccalaureate degree in:

3.2.4.c. the applicant possesses a baccalaureate degree in a non-related health care field (i.e., secondary education, accounting, marketing, etc.) but has worked in long-term care in the role of an assistant administrator or an equivalent position such as Director of Nursing, Assistant Director of Nursing, or Social Services Director, for a period of three (3) years.

3.4. Subjects for national examination.

3.4.1. Every applicant for licensure as a nursing home administrator, after meeting the requirements for qualification for licensure and examination shall successfully pass a written national examination which may include, but not be limited to;

3.4.1.a.1.B. social service programs to maximize a resident's quality of life;