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### Chapter 11. Section 4. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of these rules. Where the context in which words are used in these rules indicates that such is the intent, words in the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa. Throughout these rules gender pronouns are used interchangeable. The drafters have attempted to utilize each gender pronoun in equal numbers, in random distribution. Words in each gender shall include individuals of the other gender.

For purpose of these rules, the following shall apply:

(l) "Health Care Services" includes but is not limited to nursing, physical therapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, social work, certified nurse assistant services, and dietary services. All staff shall be certified, licensed or registered in accordance with Wyoming State Statutes.

(ee) "Social Services" means those services provided according to the resident's plan of care by a Social Worker, or by a Social Service Associate with appropriate supervision as required by the Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board.

(i) "Social Worker" means a person who is licensed to practice as a Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) or certified to practice as a Social Worker (CSW) by the Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board.

(ii) "Social Service Associate" means a person who has a degree in social work or closely related field and has at least one (1) year of social services experience in a health care setting; or,

(A) A person who has at least two (2) years of experience in social services in a health care setting and receives regular consultation from a social worker or recognized social service agency.

### Section 10. Discharge Planning.

The facility shall maintain a centralized, coordinated program to ensure that each resident has a planned program of continuing care which meets the post discharge needs.

(b) The facility shall have in operation an organized discharge planning program.

(i) This program shall include the resident, physician(s), nurses, social services personnel, dietitian, and therapists to identify problems and goals thus preparing the resident for the next level of care and arranging for placement in the appropriate care environment.

### Section 15. Social Services.

(a) The medically related social and emotional needs of the resident shall be identified and services shall be provided to meet them, either by qualified staff (a social worker or social service associate), or through written procedures for referral to appropriate social agencies.

(i) Facilities shall offer social services regardless of the size of the facility.

(A) An individual on the facility staff shall be designated in writing to maintain liaison with social, health and community agencies.

(B) As appropriate, there shall be arrangements with qualified social workers or recognized social agencies for consultation and assistance on a regularly scheduled basis.

(ii) Current records and pertinent social data concerning personal and family problems medically related to the resident's illness and care shall be maintained in each resident's record by the social service personnel.

(A) Up-to-date progress notes of relevant psycho-social issues and interventions shall be maintained in each resident's record by social service personnel.

(iii) Policies and procedures shall be established for ensuring confidentiality of residents' social information.

(iv) There shall be space provided to ensure privacy for interviews by social service personnel with the resident.

(v) Provision shall be made for in-service training to facility staff directed toward understanding emotional problems and social needs of residents and the means of taking appropriate action in relation to them, and the necessity of confidentiality.

(vi) Arrangements shall be made promptly when financial assistance is indicated or personal finances are depleted, i.e., private paying residents no longer able to pay for care in the facility.