

.18 Social Work Services.

A. Services Provided. The facility shall provide or make arrangements for services to identify and meet the patient's medically related social and emotional needs.

B. Designated Staff Responsibility. A member of the facility's staff shall be assigned responsibility for social services. If the designee is not a certified social worker, the facility shall effect an agreement with a qualified social work consultant. The agreement shall provide for sufficient hours of consultation to assure that the staff's services meet the medically related social and emotional needs of the patients.

C. Social History. The written social history shall be initiated within 7 days after admission. The history shall be as complete as possible and shall include:

(1) Social data about personal and family background to provide understanding of the patient and how he functions; and

(2) Information regarding current personal and family circumstances and attitudes as they relate to patient's illness and care.

D. Records. Records shall include:

(1) Social history; and

(2) Recommendations made by the social work consultant, if applicable.

E. Space. Facilities shall provide:

(1) Space for social work personnel, accessible to patients, medical, and other staff;

(2) Privacy for interviews.