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12VAC5-371-270. Social services.

A. The nursing facility shall provide a comprehensive social services program to meet the psychosocial and medically related needs of each resident.

B. There shall be at least one designated staff member responsible for coordinating resident social services.

C. This individual shall have one of the following qualifications:

1. A bachelor's degree in social work or human services appropriate to resident needs; or
2. One year, within the last five years, supervised direct social work experience.

D. This individual shall be:

1. Trained in recognizing and assessing the emotional and social needs of residents; and
2. Knowledgeable of community agencies and resources available to meet those needs.

E. The social services coordinator shall assess each resident and participate in the development and implementation of the comprehensive plan of care.

F. Documentation of social services shall be included in the resident's clinical record.

Statutory Authority

§§[32.1-12](#) and [32.1-127](#) of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from Virginia Register Volume 13, Issue 17, eff. July 1, 1997.