

449.5445 Social services

1.

Each facility shall provide social services to each patient of the facility and to the provider of care for the patient, if required. The facility shall ensure that the social services support and maximize the adjustment, social functioning and rehabilitation of each patient of the facility.

2.

The social worker shall: (a) Conduct a psychosocial evaluation of each patient of the facility; (b) Participate in a team review of the progress of the patient in accordance with the provisions of NAC 449.541; (c) Recommend changes in the treatment of the patient based on the psychosocial requirements of the patient; (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, provide casework and group work services to the patient and, if needed, to members of his or her family concerning the problems associated with treating end-stage renal disease; (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, identify public agencies that may provide social services for the patient or other resources that are available to the patient and assist the patient and each member of his or her family in the use of those resources; and (f) Participate in activities conducted at the facility to ensure the quality of the facility.

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3.

Each facility shall ensure that the initial contact between the social worker and each patient of the facility occurs and is documented in writing not more than 2 weeks after the patient is admitted to the facility or immediately after the patient receives seven treatments at the facility, whichever occurs later. A comprehensive psychosocial assessment of the patient must be completed within 30 days after the patient is admitted to the facility or immediately after the patient receives 13 treatments at the facility, whichever occurs later.

4.

Each facility shall, annually or more often if required by the circumstances concerning the treatment of the patient, revise the comprehensive psychosocial assessment of each patient specified in subsection 3.

5.

Each facility shall employ or contract with a social worker to meet the psychosocial requirements of each patient of the facility. If a facility provides treatment for 100 or more patients, the facility shall ensure that one full-time equivalent social worker is available at the facility.

6.

Social services must be available at each facility during scheduled periods for treatment. The facility may require a patient to obtain an appointment with a social worker before receiving those services.

7.

The provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection 2 do not apply to a correctional institution.