

449.74523 Social services

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A facility for skilled nursing shall provide medically-related social services that are designed to assist the patients in the facility in enhancing or restoring their ability to function physically, socially and economically.

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The social services provided must: (a) Identify and meet the social and emotional needs of each patient in the facility. (b) Assist each patient and the members of his or her family in adjusting to the effects of the patient's illness or disability, to the patient's treatment and to his or her stay in the facility. (c) Include adequate planning upon the patient's discharge from the facility to ensure that appropriate community and health resources are used.

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A facility for skilled nursing shall employ full-time or under contract an adequate number of social workers and other personnel who are appropriately trained, experienced and qualified to plan, provide and evaluate the social services provided to the patients in the facility. Each social worker employed by the facility must be licensed to engage in social work as a social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS. The facility shall adopt and carry out a plan requiring any social worker employed by the facility who has not completed at least 1 year of training or experience related to providing social services to patients in a facility for skilled nursing to consult with a social worker with such training or experience.