

## **L541**

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**§418.56(a)(1) ...The interdisciplinary group must include, but is not limited to, individuals who are qualified and competent to practice in the following professional roles:**

- (i) A doctor of medicine or osteopathy (who is an employee or under contract with the hospice).**
- i. (ii) A registered nurse.**
- ii. (iii) A social worker, *marriage and family therapist, or a mental health counselor.***
- iii. (iv) A pastoral or other counselor.**

### **Interpretive Guidelines §418.56(a)(1)(i)-(iv)**

The number of individuals on the IDG is not as important as their qualifications and abilities. For example, if a group member meets the hospice criteria and is licensed as a RN and also meets the Medicare criteria to be considered a social worker under the hospice benefit, he/she would be qualified to serve on the IDG as both a nurse and a social worker.

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