

§482.62(f)(1) The director of the social work department or service must have a master's degree from an accredited school of social work or must be qualified by education and experience in the social services needs of the mentally ill. If the director does not hold a master's degree in social work, at least one staff member must have this qualification.

Interpretive Guidelines §482.62(f)(1)

The duties, functions, and responsibilities of the director of social services/social work should be clearly delineated and documented in the facility's policies and procedures. If the director is not MSW qualified and at least one staff member is MSW qualified, verify the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the MSW.

Survey Procedures §482.62(f)(1)

What are the director's qualifications, experience and scope of duties within this position?

If a MSW staff member, other than the director, is performing any of these duties, what are this staff member's experience and scope of duties performed? Why were these duties delegated?

To what extent is the director's knowledge of the social work needs of the various wards? Why has the social work staff and services provided throughout the hospital been deployed in the manner it has?