

Licensed Independent Social Worker

Basic Education and

Minimal Formal Training: Master's or doctorate degree in social work from an accredited school.

Two years of full-time master's clinical social work experience in an agency or organized setting.

Additional Considerations: In addition an LISW should have the following:

- A current license or registration in the state of NM
- Evidence of adequate professional liability insurance secured either by the LISW's supervising physician or held by the LISW
- No physical and mental health problem preventing him or her from exercising the privileges granted.
- If an LISW is to work under full or partial supervision or sponsorship, there should be an employment by or an agreement with a physician(s) currently appointed to the medical staff of the hospital to supervise the LISW's practice in the hospital. According to the agreement, the physician must:
 - Assume responsibility for supervision or monitoring the LISW's practice
 - Be available or provide an alternate to provide consultation when requested and to intervene when necessary
 - Assume responsibility for the care of any patient

Core LISW Duties and Privileges

Upon demonstration of satisfactory training and certification and after approval by the hospital board, an LISW may be granted privileges to provide care under the sponsorship of a physician(s) with appropriate privileges.

It would not be unusual for LISW to perform any of the following duties:

- Psychosocial assessments
- Crisis intervention
- Advocacy and protective work – whenever there are issues of abuse, neglect, or violence
- Community outreach – referral and coordinating services
- Discharge Planning – arranging transfers for individuals, either home with services or to other hospitals or rehab facilities

Reappointment:

Reappointment should be based on unbiased, objective results of care according to the hospital's clinical outcome mechanisms. The applicant must demonstrate that he or she has maintained competence by demonstrating that he or she has met the hospital's minimum requirements for LISW privileges.

Other

Other privileges requested for which you have current clinical competence may be listed below. Documentation of training and/or experience must be provided for any special privileges requested.

Name

Date