

## Chapter MPSW 6

### AUTHORIZED SOCIAL WORKER PRACTICE

**MPSW 6.01** Certified social worker.

**MPSW 6.02** Certified advanced practice social worker.

**MPSW 6.03** Certified independent social worker.

**MPSW 6.04** Licensed clinical social worker.

**Note:** Chapter SFC 6 was created as an emergency rule effective April 26, 1993.

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**MPSW 6.01 Certified social worker.** A certified social worker may evaluate and assess difficulties in psychosocial functioning, develop a plan to alleviate those difficulties, and either carry out the plan or refer clients to other qualified resources for assistance. Intervention plans may include counseling of individuals, families, and groups; advocacy; referral to community resources; and facilitation of organizational change to meet social needs based on a psychosocial evaluation. A certified social worker may not engage in psychotherapeutic activities.

**History:** Cr. [Register, November, 1993, No. 455](#), eff. 12-1-93; [CR 02-105](#): am. [Register October 2002 No. 562](#), eff. 11-1-02.

**MPSW 6.02 Certified advanced practice social worker.** A certified advanced practice social worker may evaluate and intervene in complex difficulties in psychosocial functioning. Intervention plans may include counseling of individuals, families, and groups; advocacy; referral to community resources; and facilitation of organizational change to meet social needs based on a psychosocial evaluation. A certified advanced practice social worker may engage in psychotherapeutic activities only under the supervision of a person authorized by the board or by the department of health services to supervise the practice of clinical social work.

**History:** Cr. [Register, November, 1993, No. 455](#), eff. 12-1-93; [CR 02-105](#): am. [Register October 2002 No. 562](#), eff. 11-1-02; [correction made under s. 13.92 \(4\) \(b\) 6., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671](#).

**MPSW 6.03 Certified independent social worker.** A certified independent social worker may evaluate and intervene in complex difficulties in psychosocial functioning. Intervention plans may include counseling of individuals, families, and groups; advocacy; referral to community resources; and facilitation of organizational change to meet social needs based on a psychosocial evaluation. A certified independent social worker may practice social work independently but may engage in psychotherapeutic activities only under the supervision of a person authorized by the board or by the department of health services to supervise the practice of clinical social work.

**History:** Cr. [Register, November, 1993, No. 455](#), eff. 12-1-93; [CR 02-105](#): am. [Register October 2002 No. 562](#), eff. 11-1-02; [correction made under s. 13.92 \(4\) \(b\) 6., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671](#).

**MPSW 6.04 Licensed clinical social worker.** A licensed clinical social worker may provide services without supervision for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders in individuals, families, and groups to restore, maintain, and enhance social functioning through treatment interventions which may include, but are not limited to, counseling of individuals, families and groups; referral to community resources; advocacy; and facilitation of organizational change to meet social needs; and individual, marital, and group psychotherapy; all based on a psychosocial evaluation. A licensed clinical social worker may engage in psychotherapeutic activities without supervision.

**Note:** A licensed clinical social worker employed in a certified outpatient mental health clinic is subject to rules of the department of health services regarding supervision.

**History:** Cr. [Register, November, 1993, No. 455](#), eff. 12-1-93; [CR 02-105](#): am. [Register October 2002 No. 562](#), eff. 11-1-02.