

## Chapter SFC 7

### PRACTICE OF PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC SOCIAL WORK

SFC 7.01 Psychotherapeutic social work.

**Note:** Chapter SFC 7 was created as an emergency rule effective April 26, 1993.

**SFC 7.01 Psychotherapeutic social work.** (1) A certified advanced practice social worker, a certified independent social worker, or a certified independent clinical social worker may not engage in psychotherapeutic social work unless he or she has completed 3,000 hours of supervised clinical practice in accordance with sub. (2) after receiving a master's degree, consisting of a minimum of one hour per week of face-to-face supervision during the 3,000 hour period by a person qualified under par. (a), if he or she is listed in the national registry of health care providers in clinical social work, national association of social workers register of clinical social workers, national board for certified counselors, the national register of health services providers in psychology, or national registry of the American board of examiners in clinical social work. Supervision of the 3,000 hour period of clinical practice may be performed by any of the following:

(a) A social worker with a master's or doctoral degree from a graduate school of social work accredited by the council on social worker education, or a registered nurse with a master's or doctoral degree in psychiatric-mental health nursing or community mental health nursing from a graduate school of nursing accredited by the national league for nursing, if the social worker or registered nurse performing the supervision has completed a 3,000 hour period of supervised clinical practice, is listed in the national registry of health care providers in clinical social work or national association of social workers register of clinical social workers, national board for certified counselors, the national register of health services providers in psychology, or national registry of the American board of examiners in clinical social work.

(b) A physician who has completed a residency in psychiatry, or a licensed psychologist who is listed or eligible to be listed in the national register of health services providers in psychology.

(2) A certified advanced practice social worker, certified independent social worker, or certified independent clinical social worker may engage in supervised psychotherapeutic social work necessary to fulfill the 3,000 hour supervised practice period, but may do so only under the authority of the person providing supervision and may not engage in any psychotherapeutic social work without the approval of the person providing supervision.

(3) A certified independent clinical social worker may engage in the independent unsupervised practice of psychotherapeutic social work when he or she has completed the 3,000 hour supervised clinical practice period, or is listed in the national registry of health care providers in clinical social work or national association of social workers register of clinical social workers or national board for certified counselors or the national register of health services providers in psychology, or national registry of the American board of examiners in clinical social work.

(4) A certified advanced practice social worker or a certified independent social worker may engage in the practice of psychotherapeutic social work when he or she has completed the 3,000 hour supervised clinical practice period, or is listed in the national registry of health care providers in clinical social work or national association of social workers register of clinical social workers or national board for certified counselors or the national register of health services providers in psychology, or national registry of the American board of examiners in clinical social work, but may do so only under the supervision of a person meeting the qualifications of sub. (1) (a) or (b).

**Note:** A person who intends to rely upon a listing in one of the national registries or registers identified in this chapter should insure that the registry or register upon which he or she intends to rely is current before he or she engages in the practice of psychotherapeutic social work.

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