

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Social Work hereby amends Chapter 280, "Licensure of Social Workers," Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment clarifies the requirements for the supervised professional practice for the licensed independent social worker (LISW) candidate to ensure that the candidate has performed diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders or conditions and provided psychosocial therapy, in preparation for independent licensure as a private practice (Iowa Code chapter 154C).

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 16, 2009, as **ARC 8374B**. A public hearing was held on January 5, 2010, and public comments were allowed through that same date.

Since publication of the Notice of Intended Action, several public comments were received regarding this amendment, and Board staff has met several times with representatives of the National Association of Social Workers Iowa Chapter (NASW) on behalf of stakeholders. The Board also met with NASW and stakeholders on February 8, 2010. An outline of agreeable options to address the comments was developed by NASW and members of the Legislature and was presented to the Board for its consideration. The language adopted herein, which has been changed since the Notice in response to these comments, was agreed to by the Board and by a majority of stakeholders in attendance at the February 8 meeting.

This amendment was adopted by the Board of Social Work on February 8, 2010.

This amendment will become effective April 14, 2010.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 21, 147, 154C and 272C.

The following amendment is adopted.

Adopt the following **new** paragraphs **280.6(1)"e"** and **"f"**:

e. Include as at least one component of the diagnostic practice the identification of specific mental or emotional disorders or conditions demonstrating a working knowledge of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association (DSM), the current edition.

f. Include the provision of treatment, which shall include but not be limited to evaluation of symptoms and behaviors; effects of the environment on behavior; psychosocial therapy with individuals, couples, families, or groups; establishment of treatment goals; and differential treatment planning.

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