

102-2-13. Licensee consult with physician when determining symptoms of mental disorders.

(a) Each licensed specialist clinical social worker or licensed master social worker who has a client with symptoms of a mental disorder shall, upon the signed consent of the client, consult with the client's physician or psychiatrist, except when a client requests in writing that consultation with a physician be waived.

(b) The consult with a client's physician or psychiatrist may occur through face-to-face contact, telephonic contact, or correspondence by the licensee with the physician, the physician's assistant, or designated nursing staff. When initiating this contact, the licensee shall not be responsible for the medical professional's response, or for the client's compliance with any related intervention made by the medical professional.

(c) If a licensee is practicing in a setting or contract arrangement that involves a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery for review of mental health treatment, a physician consult may be completed through medical involvement completed in accordance with the established procedure of the setting or with the contract arrangement.

(d) If a licensee is practicing in a licensed community mental health center or its affiliate, an agency of the state, or an agency licensed by the state to provide mental health, rehabilitative, or correctional services, a physician consult shall not be required beyond the procedures for medical involvement as established by the qualifying agency.

(e) If a licensee is offering services that do not include diagnosis and treatment of a mental disorder, a physician consult shall not be required.

(f) If a client requests in writing that consultation with a physician be waived, a physician consultation shall not be required if the waiver signed by the client is included in the client's record.

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