SOCIAL WORK GRID FOR SCOPE OF PRACTICE

This grid is intended as a guide to assist people in understanding the differences in the levels of regulation and to show who would typically be responsible for various activities and functions. This grid is not an authoritative restatement of the law or regulations governing the practice of social work in the State of Michigan. The law governing social work practice is found in the Public Health Code, especially MCL 333.18501 et seq. The rules governing social work practice are found in the Administrative Rules of the Michigan Board of Social Work, R 338.2901 et seq.

Social Work Task or Function	Tech	BSW	MSW	
			Macro	Clinical
Administration of assessment checklists requiring interpretation	YES	YES	YES	YES
Administration and interpretation of assessment checklists			YES	YES
Advocacy for group/communities		YES	YES	YES
Advocacy for individual		YES	YES	YES
Case Intervention planning and evaluation				YES
Case Management (for individual, family, couple, group)		YES		YES
Child or adult custody determination		YES		YES
Child or adult custody assessments and recommendations				YES
Child welfare case management		YES		YES
Community organization		YES	YES	
Conduct case-finding activities in community	YES	YES	YES	YES
Consultation regarding agency practice and policy development	1		YES	YES
Consultation regarding clinical issues				YES
Coordination and evaluation of service delivery			YES	
Development of social welfare policy			YES	
Diagnosis of mental, emotional or substance abuse disorders with a				YES
diagnostic code				
Directing clinical programs				YES
Directing social work agencies but not clinical practice			YES	
Directing social work agencies including clinical practice			YES	YES
Identification of presenting problem		YES	120	YES
Impart general information and referral for assistance		YES	YES	YES
Interventions with individuals, couples, families or groups to enhance or		YES	120	120
restore the capacity for social functioning		120		
Intervention methods using specialized and formal interactions				YES
Interviewing clients regarding client's situation	YES	YES	YES	YES
Monitor client's compliance with program's expectations	YES	YES	YES	YES
Pre-admission general assessment for mental health facilities	120	YES	120	YES
Private practice – clinical		120		YES
Private practice – macro			YES	120
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Program Intervention planning and evaluation	VEC			VEC
Provide assistance regarding community resources	YES	YES	YES	YES
Provide information about available services	YES	YES	YES	YES
Provide life-skills training	YES	YES	YES	YES
Provide linkages to community services	YES	YES	YES	YES
Provision of training regarding community needs and problems		VEC	YES	VEC
Psychosocial assessment		YES		YES
Psychotherapy with adults				YES
Psychotherapy with children			VEC	YES
Research – design and analysis		VEC	YES	YES
Research – data collection		YES	YES	YES
Supervision of clinical social workers			VEC	YES
Supervision of macro social workers		V=2	YES	\/= ^
Teaching or education of client		YES	YES	YES
Treatment planning and evaluation				YES