

## Chapter 11

## Section 3.6

### Certified Clinical Social Worker (CSW)

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#### 1.0 ISSUE

Certified CSWs.

#### 2.0 POLICY

**2.1** A certified CSW may provide covered services independent of physician referral and supervision when practicing within the scope of his or her license. The CSW must meet the following criteria:

**2.1.1** Is licensed or certified as a CSW by the jurisdiction where practicing; or, if the jurisdiction does not provide for licensure or certification of CSWs, is certified by a national professional organization offering certification of CSWs; and

**2.1.2** Has at least a master's degree in social work from a graduate school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; and

**2.1.3** Has had a minimum of two years or three thousand hours of post-master's degree supervised clinical social work practice under the supervision of a master's level social worker in an appropriate clinical setting, as determined by the contractor.

**Note:** Patients who have organic medical problems must receive appropriate concurrent management by a physician.

**2.2** Mental health services provided by CSWs are subject to the limitations on psychiatric procedures.

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