

8740.0310 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

Subpart 1. **Responsibility to clients.** A social worker's primary professional responsibility is to the client. A social worker shall always act to protect or preserve the client's interests, including the interest in self-determination, when making decisions that affect a client.

Subp. 2. **Nondiscrimination.** A social worker shall not discriminate against a client, student, supervisee, or social work intern on the basis of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, religion, diagnosis, disability, political affiliation, or social or economic status. If the social worker is unable to offer services because of potential discrimination against a client, student, supervisee, or social work intern, the social worker shall make an appropriate and timely referral. When a referral is not practical, the social worker shall obtain supervision or consultation to address the potential discrimination.

Subp. 2a. **Information for clients.** A social worker shall display at the social worker's primary place of practice, or make available as a handout for all clients, information that the client has the right to the following:

A. to be informed of the social worker's license status, education, training, and experience;

B. to examine public data on the social worker maintained by the board; and

C. to report a complaint about the social worker's practice to the board, and to be informed of the board's address and telephone number.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 23 SR 1382]

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 23 SR 1382]

Subp. 5. [Repealed, 23 SR 1382]

Subp. 6. [Repealed, 23 SR 1382]

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