

**8740.0345 FEES AND BILLING PRACTICES.****Subpart 1. Fees and payments.**

A. A social worker shall ensure that a client or a client's legal representative is informed of all fees at the initial session or meeting with the client, and that payment for services is arranged with the client or the client's legal representative at the beginning of the professional relationship. A social worker shall provide in a timely manner, upon request from a client or a client's legal representative, a written payment arrangement or a written explanation of the charges for any services rendered.

B. When providing services, as authorized by law, to a client who does not have the capacity to provide consent and who does not have a legal representative, the social worker may submit reasonable bills to an appropriate payor for services provided.

Subp. 2. **Necessary or appropriate services.** A social worker shall bill only for services which have been provided except that, with prior notice to the client, a social worker may bill for failed appointments or for cancellations without sufficient notice. A social worker shall provide only services which are necessary and appropriate.

Subp. 3. **Bartering.** A social worker may accept only monetary payments for social work services provided. A social worker may not accept goods or services in exchange for the social work services provided.

Subp. 4. **No payment for referrals.** A social worker shall neither accept nor give a commission, rebate, fee split, or other form of remuneration solely or primarily for the referral of a client.

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