

1 Department of Human Services

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Homemaker Services

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5 Rules as Adopted

6 9565.1200 STANDARDS OF SERVICES.

7 Subpart 1. Availability of service. Each local social
8 service agency shall make homemaking services available to
9 eligible families and adults, consistent with state and local
10 social service plan requirements.

11 Subp. 2. Qualified homemakers. The local social service
12 agency shall assure that each individual and family receiving
13 homemaking services is served by a qualified homemaker.

14 The local social service agency shall assure that the
15 recruitment, selection, and duties of homemakers are consistent
16 with merit system standards.

17 The local social service agency shall provide for training
18 for homemakers and staff responsible for homemaking services.

19 Each homemaker shall have a minimum of 24 hours of training
20 the first year of the homemaker's employment, and six hours
21 training annually thereafter. The training shall include
22 courses in homemaker skills, child and personal care, human
23 growth and development, the aging process, nutrition and home
24 management; and training in working with mentally retarded,
25 mentally ill, chemically dependent, physically handicapped, and
26 family malfunction.

27 The assignment of homemakers shall be made on the basis of
28 the particular abilities and skills of the homemaker.

29 Subp. 3. Use of homemaker. A homemaker is to be utilized
30 only as indicated by the service plan developed by the client,
31 social worker, and homemaker. The service plan shall be managed
32 by the social worker.

33 Subp. 4. Role of homemaker. The role of the homemaker
34 shall be either that of a surrogate caretaker or that of a
35 demonstrator or teacher working with individuals and families to

1 help them achieve self-support; self-care; home-based care; or
2 remedy of neglect, abuse, or exploitation of family members.
3 The tasks shall include assisting with or giving child care,
4 personal care, home management, food planning and preparation,
5 laundering, and general household duties.

6 Subp. 5. **Guidelines.** The local agency shall develop
7 guidelines for the use of the homemaking service to assure
8 quality of practice. These guidelines shall include the
9 following:

10 A. client-social worker discussion of the case which
11 suggests the need for a homemaker; and

12 B. client participation in the decision to use
13 homemaking services.