SERVICE STANDARD 17H: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

PREAMBLE

The Medical Social Services is responsible to provide psychosocial assistance to patients and/or family members through biopsychosocial assessment, support therapy, and practical assistance interventions focusing on casework, group work, and community work. The support therapy interventions involve consultation, emotional support, and crisis interventions while practical assistance intervention involves aspects of financial assistance for acute and chronic patients. Institutional placement and tracking down patient's relatives. Medical Social Worker works in collaborative networking with various medical profession disciplines, government and non-government agencies, and the local community.

TOPIC 17H.1 ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

STANDARD 17H.1.1

The Medical Social Work Services shall be organised and administered to provide services to patients requiring medical social work assistance and other related services in accordance with accepted standards of practices. This includes networking with government and non-governmental organisations in the community.

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CRITERION NO.		CRITERIA FOR COMPLIANCE			FACILITY COMMENTS	AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT / RECOMMENDATIONS	SURVEYOR RATING	RISK
	object and the restate	on, Mission and values statements of the Facility are accessible. Goals and citives that suit the scope of the Medical Social Services are clearly docume measurable that indicates safety, quality and patient centred care. These repoles and aspirations of the service and the needs of the community. These ements are monitored, reviewed and revised as required accordingly and municated to all staff.	eflect	NA			NA	
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE						
	1.	Vision, Mission and values statements of the Facility are available, endorsed and dated by the Governing Body.	NA					
	2.	Goals and objectives of the Medical Social Services in line with the Facility statements are available, endorsed and dated.	NA					
	3.	Evidence of planned reviews of the above statements.	NΑ					
	4.	These statements are communicated to all staff (orientation programme, minutes of meeting, etc)	NA					
	5.	Achievement of goals and objectives are monitored, reviewed and revised accordingly.	NA					
17H.1.1.2 CORE	a) pr	e is an organization chart which: ovides a clear representation of the structure, functions, and reporting ionships between the Person In Charge (PIC), Head of Medical Social Worl	(NA			NA	

	Servion b) is a color incolor	ces, consultants, medical practitioners, and staff of Medical Social Work ces; accessible to all staff and clients; ludes off-site services if applicable; evised when there is a major change in any of the following: rganization; functions; reporting relationships; staffing patterns.					
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE					
	11.	Clearly delineated current organization chart with line of functions and reporting relationships between the Person In Charge (PIC), Head of Medical Social Services, consultants, medical practitioners, and staff of Medical Social Services.	NA				
	2.	Organisation chart of the service is endorsed, dated and accessible.	NA				
	3.	The organisation chart is revised when there is a major change in any of the items (d)(i) to (iv).	NA				
17H.1.1.3 CORE	The Governing Body shall ensure that Medical Social Work Services are organised in such a way as to: a) facilitate the provision of medical social work services to patients in the Facility in a safe, efficient, effective and caring manner and with due regards for the needs, dignity and privacy of patients and confidentiality of their personal information; b) assure continuity of care is assured; c) address the professional needs of medical social work staff; d) ensure the relevant staff are involved in the formulation of policies and procedures concerning patient care appropriate to the scope of services of the Facility.					NA	
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE					
	1.	The Medical Social Services is organised to cover activities but not lin to items (a) to (e) through:	nited				
	a)	work assignment schedule to ensure service provision;	NA				
	b)	competent staffing level to provide the necessary	NA				
	c)	record on continuity of care in patient's medical treatment record;	NA				
	d)	Professional Development Plan.	NA				

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	e)	Informed Consent Form is provided to protect the privacy and confidentiality of the patient's information	NA				
	2.	Consultation rooms are conducive for the interview of the patient especially for unmarried mother, child abuse, and domestic violence cases, etc.	NA				
	3.	Transportation for home visit and follow up cases to ensure continuity of care given to patient.	NA				
	4.	Participation and involvement in inter and multi-disciplinary review team.	NA				
17H.1.1.4	suffic Medic during	lar staff meetings are held between the Head of Service and staff with ient regularity to discuss issues and matters pertaining to the operations cal Social Work Services. Minutes are kept; decisions and resolutions mg meetings shall be accessible, communicated to all staff of the service, mented.	ade	NA		NA	
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE	ı				
	1.	Minutes are accessible, disseminated and acknowledged by the staff.	NA				
	2.	Attendance list of members with adequate representatives of the service.	NA				
	3.	Frequency of meetings as scheduled.	NA				
	4.	Discussion and resolutions are implemented (Problems not solved to be brought forward in the next meeting until resolved).	NA				
17H.1.1.5	for ev Note:	onnel records on training, staff development, leave, and others are main very staff. Staff personal record may be kept in the Human Resource Department ty policy.		NA		NA	
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE					
	1.	Staff personal records include:	1				
	a)	staff biodata;	NA				
	b)	qualification and experience;	NA				
	c)	training record;	NA				
	d)	competency record and privileging;	NA				
	e)	leave record;	NA				
	f)	confidentiality agreement.	NA				

17H.1.1.6	The Head of Medical Social Work Services is involved in the planning, justification and management of the budget and resource utilisation of the services.				NA	
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE				
	1.	Minutes of Facility-wide management meeting	NA			
	2.	Documented evidence on request for allocation of budget and resources (staffing, equipment, etc) for the service.	NA			
	3.	Approved budget and resources.	NA			
17H.1.1.7	The Head of Medical Social Work Services is involved in the appointment and/OR assignment of staff.				NA	
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE					
	1.	Records on staff interview (if applicable)	NA			
	2.	Appointment/assignment letter of Head of Service	NA			
	3.	Job description of Head of Service	NA			
	4.	Records on staff deployment	NA			
17H.1.1.8	Medi	opriate statistics and records shall be maintained in relation to the provisical Social Work Services and used for managing the services and patier oses.	ion of nt care	NA	NA	
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE				
	1.	Records are available but not limited to the following:				
	a)	workload/census;	NA			
	b)	annual report;	NA			
	c)	accident/incident reports;	NA			
	d)	staffing number and staff profile;	NA			
	e)	staff training records;	NA			
	f)	data on performance improvement activities, including performance indicators.	NA			

TOPIC 17H.2 HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

STANDARD 17H.2.1

The Medical Social Work Services shall be directed and adequately staffed by qualified and experienced staff to achieve the goals and objectives of the Medical Social Work Services and ensure continuing education and professional development.

CDITEDION			CELE		SURVEYOR FINDIN	IGS	
CRITERION NO.	CRITERIA FOR COMPLIANCE		SELF RATING	FACILITY COMMENTS	AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT / RECOMMENDATIONS	SURVEYOR RATING	RISK
CORE	The Head and staff of the Medical Social Work Services shall be individud qualified by education, training, experience, and certification to commens the requirements of the various positions. All Medical Social Worker Officers shall be registered following the requirements the Allied Health Professions Act. Note Medical Social Work Officer is an individual who is trained and registered Medical Social Work Officer to conduct social/behavioral assessment and intervention, manage biopsychosocial problems, and provide consultation individuals, their family members, or caregivers. Their minimum academic qualification is a Bachelor Degree of Social Science with Honor (Social V Studies) or equivalent or recognized by MQA.	surate with rements of d as a and on to ic	NA			NA	
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE						
	1. Records on credentials of Head of Service and staff required to fil the posts within the service (to match the complexity of the Facility and services) and registration.						
	2. Appointment/assigning letters	NA					
	3. Certification	NA					
	4. Training and competency records	NA					
17H.2.1.2	The authority, responsibilities and accountabilities of the Head of Medica Services are clearly delineated and documented.	NA			NA		
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE						
	Appointment/assignment letter for Head of Service.	NA					
	Description of duties and responsibilities.	NA					

17H.2.1.3 CORE	Sufficient numbers of personnel and support staff with appropriate qualifications are employed to meet the need of the services. Relevant support staff shall work under the supervision of a qualified medical social work officer.			NA	NA	
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE					
	1.	Sufficient number of Medical Social Workers Officers and relevant su staff are available depending on types of healthcare facility in the pub sector as follows:				
	a)	State facility	NA			
	b)	Major specialist facility	NA			
	c)	Minor Specialist facility	NA			
	d)	Non-specialist facility	NA			
	2.	Number of staff and qualification commensurate with workload.	NA			
	3.	Staffing pattern	NA			
	4.	Census and statistics	NA			
17H.2.1.4	includ a) qu b) lind c) acc d) rev follow i) r ii) (iii) v):	alifications, training, experience, and certification required for the positions of authority; countability, functions, and responsibilities, viewed when required and when there is a major change in any of the		NA	NA	
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE					
	1.	Updated specific job description is available for each staff that includes but not limited to as listed in (a) to (d).	NA			
	2.	Job description	NA			
	3.	The job description is acknowledged by the staff and signed by the Head of Service and dated.	NA			

17H.2.1.5	for ev Not e: Staff	onnel records on training, staff development, leave, and others are ma ery staff. personal record may be kept in the Human Resource Department as p ty policy.		NA	NA
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE			
	1.	Staff personal records include:			
	a)	staff biodata;	NA		
	b)	qualification and experience;	NA		
	c)	training record;	NA		
	d)	competency record and privileging;	NA		
	e)	leave record;	NA		
	f)	confidentiality agreement.	NA		
		tes, operational policies, and relevant aspects of the Facility to prepare eir roles and responsibilities. EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE			
	1.	Policy requiring all new staff to attend a structured orientation programme.	NA		
	2.	Records on structured orientation programme	NA		
	3.	Orientation Brief	NA		
	4				NΛ
	4.	List of attendance	NA		
17H.2.1.7	provid	List of attendance is evidence of training needs assessment and staff development plar des the knowledge and skills required for staff to maintain competency nt positions and future advancement.	n which	NA	NA
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17H.2.1.7	provid currer	e is evidence of training needs assessment and staff development plant des the knowledge and skills required for staff to maintain competency not positions and future advancement. EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE Training needs assessment is carried out and gaps identified. A staff development plan based on training needs assessment is	n which r in their	NA	NA

17H.2.1.8		e are continuing education activities for staff to pursue professional interesto prepare for current and future changes in practice.	ests	NA	NA	
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE	ľ			
	1.	Continuing education activities and schedule	NA			
	2.	Contents of training programme	NA			
	3.	Training records on continuing education activities are kept and maintained for each staff.	NA			
	4.	Certificate of attendance/degree/post graduate training.	NA			
		receive evaluation of their performance at the completion of the probation of and annually thereafter, or as defined by the Facility.	nary	NA	NA	
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE				
	1.	Performance appraisal for staff is completed upon probationary period and as an annual exercise.	NA			
17H.2.1.10		facility where educational programs are conducted, the Facility shall ensu there are sufficient skilled trained staff to provide clinical supervision of ents.	ıre	NA	NA	
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE				
	1.	Letter of appointment – Local Preceptor/ Clinical Instructor.	NA			
	2.	Memorandum of Understanding with training institution	NA			
	3.	Adequate number of clinical instructor to students	NA			
	4.	Qualification and training records of local preceptor	NA			

TOPIC 17H.3 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

STANDARD 17H.3.1

There are written and dated policies and procedures for all activities of the Medical Social Work Services. These policies and procedures reflect current standards of medical social work services and practice, relevant regulations, statutory requirements, and the goals and objectives of the Medical Social Work Services.

CRITERION		SELF		SURVEYOR FINDINGS			
NO.	CRITERIA FOR COMPLIANCE	RATINO	FACILITY COMMENTS	AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT / RECOMMENDATIONS	SURVEYOR RATING	RISK	
17H.3.1.1 CORE	 There are written policies and procedures for the Medical Social Work Service which are consistent with the overall policies of the Facility, regulatory requirements, and current standard practices. These policies and procedures signed, authorized, and dated, and reference made to relevant Acts/guideline pertaining to psychosocial issues as follows: Child Act 2001 Domestic Violence Act 1994 Operational Management Plan for Medical Social Work Services (B Pelan Pengurusan Operasi Perkhidmatan Kerja Sosial Perubatan) Standard Operational Procedure for Support Therapy Assistance Management (Buku Prosedur Operasi Standard Pengurusan Bantuan Terapi Sokongan) Standard Operational Procedure for Practical Assistance Managem (Buku Prosedur Operasi Standard Pengurusan Bantuan Praktic) Practical Guidelines for medical social workers in the Ministry of He (Buku Garis panduan Laporan Sosio Ekonomi Pegawai Kerja Sosia Perubatan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia) Code of Ethics for Medical Social Officer There is a mechanism for and evidence of a periodic review at least once in ethree years. 	are s uku an ent alth			NA		
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE						
	 Documented policies and procedures for the Medical Social Work Services. 	NA					
	2. Policies and procedures are consistent with regulatory requirements and current standard practices that include issues addressed in (i) to (vii).	NA					

	3. 4. 5.	Operational Management Plan for Medical Social Work Services, Standard Operational Procedure for Support Therapy Assistance management and Standard Operational for Practical Assistance Management is Available. Evidence of periodic review of policies and procedures. The policies and procedures are endorsed and dated.	NA NA NA	
17H.3.1.2 CORE	Polici medici provici a) col b) do c) ass d) dia e) typ f) mo g) col medici Cross	es and procedures are developed by a committee in collaboration with scal practitioners, Management, and where required with other external schers and with reference to relevant sources involved and shall include: infidentiality of client information in line with regulatory requirements; cumentation of biopsychosocial intervention plan; sessment; agnosis; less of assistance; initoring and evaluation; insultation with the medical practitioner; and shall be recorded in the patical record. Sedepartmental collaboration is practiced in developing relevant policies adures where applicable.	staff, service	NA
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE		
	1.	Minutes of committee meetings on development and revision on policies and procedures that cover items (a) to (g).	NA	
	2.	Minutes of meeting with evidence of cross reference with other departments	NA	
	3.	Documented cross departmental policies	NA	
	4.	Clinical documentation in patient's medical records include:		
	a)	referral form from Medical Officer/Specialist to Medical Social Workers;	NA	
	b)	Informed Consent Form for patient	NA	
	c)	Biopsychosocial assessment form by Medical Social Work Officer:	NA	
	d)	Case note from by Medical Social Work Officer for case chronology	NA	
17H.3.1.3	threa	e shall be a policy to address emergency resuscitation in the event of an tening situations, and the Emergency Resuscitation Team can be alerte diately, e.g. Code Blue.		NA

		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE		
	1.	Policy for Code Blue within the service area.	NA	
	2.	Flow chart and contact number of code blue made available and accessible.	NA	
17H.3.1.4	Curre	ent policies and procedures are communicated to all staff.		NA
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE		
	1.	Training and briefing on the current policies and procedures/Minutes of meetings	NA	
	2.	Circulation list and acknowledgement	NA	
17H.3.1.5 CORE	Ther- pract	e is evidence of compliance with policies and procedures and standards ice.	of	NA
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE		
	1.	Compliance with policies and procedures through:		
	a)	interview of staff on practices;	NA	
	b)	verify with observation on practices;	NA	
	c)	results of audit on practices;	NA	
	d)	practices in line with established policies and	NA	
17H.3.1.6		utpatients seeking consultation/counseling assistance from the Medical Starvices shall be referred by a medical practitioner.	Social	NA
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE		
	1.	Facility policy on referral to allied health services by medical practitioner	NA	
	2.	Referral letter/referral form written by medical practitioner	NA	
	3.	All patients/clients are registered in the manual register book or electronic system.	NA	
	4.	Patient's medical record	NA	
17H.3.1.7		es of policies and procedures, protocols, guidelines, relevant Acts, lations, By-Laws and statutory requirements are accessible to staff.		NA
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE		

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TOPIC 17H.4 FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

STANDARD 17H.4.1

Appropriate, safe and adequate facilities and equipment are available for the delivery of effective Social Medical Work Services and ensuring patient safety.

CDITEDION	CRITERIA FOR COMPLIANCE			FACILITY COMMENTS	SURVEYOR FINDINGS			
CRITERION NO.					AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT / RECOMMENDATIONS	SURVEYOR RATING	RISK	
17H.4.1.1 There are adequate and appropriate facilities and equipment with proper utilization of space to enable staff to carry out their professional, teaching, and administrative functions.		NA			NA			
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE							
	Adequate and proper utilisation of space.	NA						
	2. Appropriate type of equipment to match the complexity of services.	NA					1	
	3. Adequate facilities and equipment for safe care. (e.g. access to emergency cart, hand washing facilities, etc)	NA						
	4. Easy access and clear exit routes	NA						
	5. Absence of overcrowding	NA					Ì	
17H.4.1.2	There shall be a room easily accessible and with conducive environment to co biopsychosocial assessment in privacy and to protect confidentiality of the pati		NA			NA		
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE							
	Separate room with conducive environment in the Medical Social Officer's office/ ward/ Emergency Services to conduct biopsychosocial assessment in privacy and to protect confidentiality of the patient.	NA						
17H.4.1.3	There is evidence that the facility has a comprehensive maintenance programs such as predictive maintenance, planned preventive maintenance, and calibra activities, to ensure the facilities and equipment are in good working order.		NA			NA		
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE						l	
	1. Planned Preventive Maintenance records such as schedule, stickers, etc.	NA						
	Planned Replacement Programme where applicable	NA						

3.	Complaint records	NA
4.	Asset inventory	NA

TOPIC 17H.5 SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES

STANDARD 17H.5.1

The Head of Medical Social Services shall ensure the provision of quality performance with staff involvement in the continuous safety and performance improvement activities of the Medical Social Work Services.

CDITEDION				CELE		SURVEYOR FINDINGS			
CRITERION NO.	CRITERIA FOR COMPLIANCE			SELF RATING	FACILITY COMMENTS	AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT / RECOMMENDATIONS	SURVEYOR RATING	RISK	
	There are planned and systematic safety and performance improvement activities to monitor and evaluate the performance of the Medical Social Work Services. The process includes: a) Planned activities b) Data collection c) Monitoring and evaluation of the performance d) Action plan for improvement e) Implementation of action plan f) Re-evaluation for improvement Innovation is advocated.		NA			NA			
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE								
	1.	Planned performance improvement activities include (a) to	NA					I	
	2.	Records on performance improvement activities.	NA					I	
	3.	Minutes of performance improvement meetings	NA					I	
	4.	Performance improvement studies	NA					I	
	5.	Records on innovation if available	NA					I	
17H.5.1.2	The Head of Medical Social Work Services has assigned the responsibilities for planning, monitoring, and managing safety and performance improvement to appropriate individual/personnel within the respective services.		or	NA			NA		
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE						I	
	1.	Minutes of meetings	NA						
	2.	Letter of assignment of responsibilities	NA						
	3.	Job description	NA						
17H.5.1.3	The Head of the Medical Social Work Services shall ensure that the staff are trained and complete incident reports which are promptly reported, investigated, discussed			NA			NA		

	by the staff with learning objectives and forwarded to the Person In Charque the Facility. Incidents reported have had Root Cause Analysis done and action taken agreed time frame to prevent recurrence.					
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE					
	System for incident reporting is in place, which include:					
	a) Training of staff	NA				
	b) Policy on incident reporting	NA				
	c) Methodology of incident reporting	NA				
	d) Register/records of incidents	NA				
	2. Completed incident reports	NA				
	3. Root Cause Analysis	NA				
	4. Corrective and preventive action plans	NA				
	5. Remedial measure	NA				
	6. Minutes of meetings	NA				
	7. Acknowledgment by Head of Service and PIC/Hospital Director	NA				
	8. Feedback given to staff regarding incident reporting.	NA				
17H.5.1.4 CORE	There is tracking and trending of specific performance indicators not limit least two (2) of the following: a) percentage of early response time taken within two (2) working days fr date of referral (Target: 95%) b) percentage of cases referred to the referral agencies within seven (7) of days after social intervention complete (target: 80%)	om the	NA		NA	
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE					
	Specific performance indicators monitored.	NA				
	2. Records on tracking and trending analysis.	NA				
	3. Remedial measures taken where appropriate.	NA				
17H.5.1.5	Feedback on results of safety and performance improvement activities ar communicated to the staff.	e regularly	NA		NA	
	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE					

	1.	Results on safety and performance improvement activities are accessible to staff.	NA			
	2.	Evidence of feedback via communication on results of performance improvement activities through continuing education activities/meetings.	NA			
	3.	Minutes of service/unit meetings	NA			
Appropriate documentation of safety and performance improvement activities kept and confidentiality of medical practitioners, staff and patients is presented.			NA	NA		
		EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE				
	1.	Documentation on performance improvement activities and performance indicators.	NA			
	2.	Policy statement on anonymity on patients and providers involved in performance improvement activities.	NA			

SERVICE SUMMARY					
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OVERALL RATING :	NA NA				
OVERALL RISK :	-				