

DEFINITIONS OF ADVANCED PRACTICE (AP) AND CLINICAL PRACTICE (CP)

"Practice of Independent Social Work - Advanced Practice" means the professional application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, principles, values, and ethics, and the professional use of self to community and organizational systems (systemic and macrocosm issues) and other indirect (nonclinical) services. The Advanced Practice of Social Work includes activities such as community organization and development, social planning and policy development, administration of social work policies, programs and activities, outcome evaluation, client education, research, nonclinical supervision of employees and nonclinical consultation, nonclinical assessment and referral, mediation, expert testimony, and advocacy. A Licensed Independent Social Worker - AP may not practice clinical social work independently. The Independent Social Worker - AP may engage in the activities included under the practice of Masters Social Work. The practice of Independent Social Work - Advanced Practice may include private practice.

"Practice of Independent Social Work - Clinical Practice" means the professional application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, principles, values, and ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, and direct clinical needs of organizations and communities. The practice of Clinical Social Work requires the application of specialized clinical knowledge and advanced clinical skills in the areas of assessment, diagnosis, and treatment for mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders, and conditions. Treatment methods include the provision of individual, marital, couple, family, and group counseling and psychotherapy. The practice of independent clinical social work includes case management, information and referral, mediation, client education, supervision of employees, consultation, research, advocacy, outcome evaluation, and expert testimony. The practice of Independent Social Work - Clinical Practice may include private practice. A Licensed Independent Social Worker - CP may not practice advanced practice social work independently. The Independent Social Worker - CP may engage in the activities included under the practice of Masters Social Work.