

# Benefits of hiring a licensed social worker:

1. Provides proof of minimum competency to consumers.
2. Provides proof of minimum competency to employers.
3. Assures a method of accountability, should complaints arise.
4. Protects consumers' rights to have confidential information remain confidential.
5. Third party payments are only possible with licensed social workers.
6. Provides consumers with a professional who is trained to work with diverse populations, issues and programs.
7. Provides opportunities to participate in federally-funded initiatives and grants.
8. Reduces employer exposure/liability for malpractice suits.
9. Meets regulatory/certification requirements by third party entities (such as Commission on Accreditation, Medicare).
10. Ensures social worker adheres to a Code of Ethics and/or Code of Conduct.