

Practice Note

Is my MCSW Registration Number transferrable for billing purposes?

Quite simply, No.

Your registration number (RSW #) is issued to you on your certificate of registration and is listed on your certificate of practice. Your RSW number demonstrates that you, and you alone, meet the requirements outlined in the *Social Work Profession Act* and permits you to use the title Social Worker.

Your registration number is not transferrable to any other professional/service provider/student.

A professional or service provider billing under a Social Worker's registration number is a misrepresentation that may be considered fraudulent. This practice undermines the integrity of the health care system, jeopardizes trust, and poses legal and financial risks. In Manitoba, concerns regarding health care fraud may be reported to the [Health Care Abuse and Fraud Reporting Line](#).

Any questions pertaining to professional liability insurance and coverage for employees, students or other providers operating within a Social Worker's business should be directed to their professional liability insurance provider and/or the Employer.

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