

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE
POLICY STATEMENT
REGARDING STUDENT LOAN/CHILD SUPPORT DEFAULT POLICY

After the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation/Department of Human Services (TSAC/DHS) makes its determination of default the agency notifies the Health Related Boards. The board office posts pending student loan default suspensions and child support suspensions on the first of each month on the board's web site: (http://health.state.tn.us/Boards/SW/PDFs/SW_Non-Compliant.pdf).

Both the social worker and the employer (if known) are sent a letter notifying that the license will be suspended on the last day of the month if the board has not received a termination of suspension notice. Any time during the month that the board receives a termination of suspension notice (from TSAC or DHS) the name will be immediately removed from the internet posting. At the end of the month, as noticed, the license is suspended for those that have not had their suspension terminated by TSAC or DHS. The Health Related Boards (HRB) disciplinary coordinator will notify the appropriate data bases of the suspension and the suspension will appear on the board's verification site on the next daily download.

Social workers impacted by the suspension must take care of their default issues through TSAC or DHS, not through the Board of Social Worker Licensure. The Board's role in the process is to suspend or terminate suspension upon official notification from TSAC/DHS.

This Policy Statement was adopted by the Board of Social Worker Licensure, on the 2nd day of February, 2012.