

# JASA Guardianship Social Worker (SW) Practice Exam (Sample)

## Study Guide



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

**This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:**

## **1. Start with a Diagnostic Review**

**Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Don't worry about getting everything right, your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.**

## **2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions**

**Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations, and take breaks to retain information better.**

## **3. Learn from the Explanations**

**After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.**

## **4. Track Your Progress**

**Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.**

## **5. Simulate the Real Exam**

**Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.**

## **6. Repeat and Review**

**Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning.**

## **7. Use Other Tools**

**Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.**

**There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly — adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!**

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## Questions

- 1. Which situation can cause an overpayment in SSI benefits?**
  - A. If you move out of state**
  - B. If you start working and do not report it**
  - C. If you change your address frequently**
  - D. If you receive SSI as a single parent**
- 2. What is a key requirement for Medicare to cover home health aide services?**
  - A. Only skilled care must be provided**
  - B. Only nursing care must be provided**
  - C. Home health aide services can be covered without any additional care**
  - D. A skilled care like nursing or physical therapy must also be provided**
- 3. In the housing preservation and development context, what can HPD do regarding family members?**
  - A. Prohibit them from living in a subsidized unit**
  - B. Allow them to assume the lease in the tenant's absence**
  - C. Force eviction of all family members**
  - D. Provide additional subsidies for family members**
- 4. What type of needs can personal needs guardianship address?**
  - A. Business decisions**
  - B. Healthcare decisions**
  - C. Financial investments**
  - D. Social security benefits**
- 5. Who can perform a medical evaluation if required in the NYC home sharing program?**
  - A. Any registered nurse**
  - B. Medical house call providers**
  - C. Licensed medical professionals**
  - D. Psych counselors only**



- 6. What assessment is required before someone can access the CDPAP?**
- A. Psychological evaluation**
  - B. Social and nursing assessment**
  - C. Financial eligibility check**
  - D. Background check**
- 7. What characterizes outpatient treatment?**
- A. A patient who is hospitalized overnight**
  - B. A patient who visits a facility without an overnight stay**
  - C. A patient under 24-hour observation**
  - D. A patient receiving only medication**
- 8. What occurs if a tenant does not correct a violation within the given timeframe?**
- A. The landlord must offer a rent discount**
  - B. The landlord can immediately evict the tenant**
  - C. The landlord may issue a notice of termination**
  - D. The landlord is required to renew the lease**
- 9. What does a certificate of disposition provide information about?**
- A. Future court dates**
  - B. Client's past charges and pending status**
  - C. Financial assessments**
  - D. Employment history**
- 10. Who qualifies for Medicaid?**
- A. Only pregnant women and children**
  - B. Adults aged 19-64 not eligible for Medicare**
  - C. Senior citizens over 65 only**
  - D. High-income earners with dependents**

## **Answers**

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. B
5. C
6. B
7. B
8. C
9. B
10. B

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Which situation can cause an overpayment in SSI benefits?**

- A. If you move out of state**
- B. If you start working and do not report it**
- C. If you change your address frequently**
- D. If you receive SSI as a single parent**

Starting to work and not reporting that income can lead to an overpayment in Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits because the Social Security Administration (SSA) assesses eligibility and benefit amounts based on an individual's income and resources. SSI is designed for individuals with limited income and resources; therefore, any increase from employment could potentially affect the amount of benefits one is entitled to receive. If a beneficiary does not report their earnings, the SSA may continue to issue benefits under the assumption that the individual still qualifies for the same amount, resulting in overpayment once the income is considered. It's important for recipients of SSI to keep the SSA informed of any changes in their financial situation to avoid such scenarios. Consistent communication regarding earned income helps maintain the appropriate level of benefits and prevents the need for repayment of any excess amounts received due to unreported earnings.

**2. What is a key requirement for Medicare to cover home health aide services?**

- A. Only skilled care must be provided**
- B. Only nursing care must be provided**
- C. Home health aide services can be covered without any additional care**
- D. A skilled care like nursing or physical therapy must also be provided**

For Medicare to cover home health aide services, a key requirement is that a skilled service must also be provided, such as nursing or physical therapy. This stipulation exists because home health aide services are considered supplemental to skilled care. Medicare typically does not cover home health aide services on their own; rather, they are part of a broader home health care plan that includes medically necessary skilled services. When skilled care is provided, it demonstrates the need for the home health aide's assistance with daily activities. Without this tie to skilled care, the rationale for providing home health aide services under Medicare's guidelines would not be met. Therefore, this requirement ensures that the care being provided is part of a comprehensive approach to the patient's health and recovery.

**3. In the housing preservation and development context, what can HPD do regarding family members?**

- A. Prohibit them from living in a subsidized unit**
- B. Allow them to assume the lease in the tenant's absence**
- C. Force eviction of all family members**
- D. Provide additional subsidies for family members**

In the context of housing preservation and development, the correct answer reflects the stipulations that can be placed on family members in subsidized housing scenarios. HPD, or the Housing Preservation and Development authority, has the ability to establish eligibility requirements for tenants, which may include prohibiting certain family members from residing in a subsidized unit. This is often based on income qualifications or rules concerning the number of occupants versus available space, ensuring that subsidies are utilized properly and within regulatory frameworks. Maintaining a controlled environment in subsidized housing helps to ensure that assistance reaches those who meet specific low-income criteria and prevents potential abuse of the services provided. Therefore, HPD has the authority to make decisions that align with these regulations, including restricting family members from living in such housing under certain circumstances. The other options connect to different aspects of tenant rights and housing rules but do not accurately reflect the direct authority of HPD regarding the residency status of family members in subsidized housing. For example, assuming the lease in a tenant's absence may be possible under certain conditions, but it is not a blanket allowance by HPD. Similarly, forced eviction of all family members and providing additional subsidies are outside the scope of HPD's regulatory capabilities, as they address more complex legal and

**4. What type of needs can personal needs guardianship address?**

- A. Business decisions**
- B. Healthcare decisions**
- C. Financial investments**
- D. Social security benefits**

Personal needs guardianship primarily focuses on decisions that pertain directly to the well-being of an individual, particularly in areas related to their health and personal care. This type of guardianship is crucial for individuals who may no longer be able to make these decisions independently due to various reasons such as mental incapacity, illness, or advanced age. Regarding healthcare decisions, personal needs guardianship allows the guardian to make important health-related choices on behalf of the ward. This includes decisions about medical treatments, healthcare providers, and even end-of-life care. The role of the guardian in this context is to ensure that the individual's preferences and best interests are prioritized in the management of their health care. In contrast, business decisions, financial investments, and social security benefits involve more complex financial and legal matters, which typically fall under a different type of guardianship such as financial or conservatorship arrangements. These types of guardianship are designed to handle the financial interests and assets of the ward, rather than their personal healthcare needs, thus highlighting why healthcare decisions is the correct focus in this context.

**5. Who can perform a medical evaluation if required in the NYC home sharing program?**

- A. Any registered nurse**
- B. Medical house call providers**
- C. Licensed medical professionals**
- D. Psych counselors only**

The selection of licensed medical professionals as the correct choice for performing a medical evaluation in the NYC home sharing program reflects the need for qualified and certified individuals to conduct such evaluations. Licensed medical professionals, who include doctors, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners, have the necessary training, education, and legal authority to assess medical conditions and prescribe treatments. Their expertise ensures that evaluations are thorough and adhere to legal and ethical standards, which is vital for the safety and well-being of individuals in home sharing situations. The role of licensed medical professionals is especially important in a program that might involve vulnerable populations, as their evaluations can significantly impact care plans and overall health outcomes. In contrast, while registered nurses and medical house call providers may also have valuable roles in the healthcare system, they do not necessarily hold the same level of authority or comprehensive training required to carry out formal medical evaluations in this context. Furthermore, psych counselors, although they provide essential mental health services, are not qualified to perform medical evaluations as they focus primarily on psychological rather than medical issues.

**6. What assessment is required before someone can access the CDPAP?**

- A. Psychological evaluation**
- B. Social and nursing assessment**
- C. Financial eligibility check**
- D. Background check**

The correct selection is a social and nursing assessment, as this assessment is crucial for determining an individual's eligibility for the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP). This program is designed to provide home care services that allow individuals to select their own caregivers, which can include family and friends. Through a comprehensive social and nursing assessment, professionals evaluate the individual's health status, functional ability, and care needs. This assessment helps ensure that the client receives appropriate levels of support tailored to their specific circumstances. It encompasses both social and medical considerations, which are fundamental for formulating a suitable care plan that aligns with the client's requirements. In this context, other assessments such as psychological evaluations, financial checks, or background checks may be relevant in different settings or programs but are not the primary requirements for accessing CDPAP. The focus on individual health and social needs through the combined social and nursing assessment directly aligns with the core mission of the program to support independent living for those in need of personal assistance.

## 7. What characterizes outpatient treatment?

- A. A patient who is hospitalized overnight
- B. A patient who visits a facility without an overnight stay**
- C. A patient under 24-hour observation
- D. A patient receiving only medication

Outpatient treatment is defined by the nature of patient care that does not require an overnight stay in a healthcare facility. This approach allows individuals to visit a treatment center, participate in therapy, and receive necessary medical attention without being admitted as inpatients. This is particularly beneficial for those who need ongoing support and therapy while still being able to uphold daily responsibilities and activities outside of the treatment environment. In outpatient settings, patients typically attend scheduled appointments that may focus on various aspects of their treatment, including therapy sessions, counseling, or follow-up medical care. The absence of an overnight stay emphasizes the flexibility and accessibility of outpatient services, making it an effective option for many individuals seeking treatment for mental health or substance use issues. Other options describe scenarios more aligned with inpatient treatment or specific treatment modalities that don't encapsulate the outpatient experience. For example, hospitalization for overnight care or 24-hour observation indicates a level of care provided in an inpatient setting, while receiving only medication does not fully capture the holistic approach often taken in outpatient services, which may also include therapy or counseling.

## 8. What occurs if a tenant does not correct a violation within the given timeframe?

- A. The landlord must offer a rent discount
- B. The landlord can immediately evict the tenant
- C. The landlord may issue a notice of termination**
- D. The landlord is required to renew the lease

If a tenant fails to correct a violation within the specified timeframe, the landlord may issue a notice of termination. This notice serves as a formal communication indicating that the landlord intends to terminate the lease due to the unresolved violation. It is an essential step in the eviction process and provides the tenant with information regarding the reasons for termination and any necessary actions that may follow. Issuing a notice of termination is a critical legal requirement that offers tenants the opportunity to address the violation before further legal actions, such as eviction, are pursued. This process underscores the legal framework designed to ensure that tenants are informed of issues related to their rental agreements and have an opportunity to rectify their behavior or conditions that led to the notice. In this context, the other options do not align with common landlord-tenant laws. For example, requiring a rent discount or lease renewal would not be appropriate responses to a failure to remedy a violation. Immediate eviction without notice is also typically not permissible as it bypasses legal protocols that protect tenant rights.



**9. What does a certificate of disposition provide information about?**

- A. Future court dates**
- B. Client's past charges and pending status**
- C. Financial assessments**
- D. Employment history**

A certificate of disposition is a legal document that provides a summary of an individual's past charges and the current status of those charges in the judicial system. This includes details about the outcomes of prior cases, such as whether the charges were dismissed, found not guilty, or if there was a conviction. It is crucial for social workers to understand this information, particularly for clients facing guardianship or other legal issues, as it informs their background and current legal standing. The other options do not accurately reflect what a certificate of disposition entails. It does not provide details about future court dates, which pertain to upcoming legal proceedings rather than historical information. Financial assessments are unrelated to an individual's criminal history and focus instead on their economic status. Employment history, while relevant for certain evaluations, does not fall within the scope of criminal disposition records.

**10. Who qualifies for Medicaid?**

- A. Only pregnant women and children**
- B. Adults aged 19-64 not eligible for Medicare**
- C. Senior citizens over 65 only**
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Medicaid is a program designed to provide health coverage for low-income individuals and families. The correct response highlights that adults aged 19 to 64 who are not eligible for Medicare can qualify for Medicaid. This is significant as it encompasses a broad category of low-income adults who may otherwise lack access to affordable healthcare. Medicaid eligibility can depend on various factors, including income level, household size, and sometimes the presence of disabilities or other specific circumstances. As a result, option B encompasses a vital population that often requires medical assistance but does not qualify for other assistance programs like Medicare. In contrast, other choices do not reflect the full range of Medicaid eligibility. Option A is limited as it only mentions pregnant women and children, omitting other qualifying adults. Option C is too narrow, only focusing on senior citizens over 65, excluding other vulnerable age groups. Option D inaccurately suggests that high-income earners could qualify for Medicaid, which contradicts the program's purpose of assisting low-income individuals and families.

## Next Steps

**Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.**

**As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.**

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**We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!**