

THE SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL WORK LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH CARE



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Rewards of Membership

If this past year of the epidemic has taught me anything it is the value and absolute need for professional community and support. I have always found being a member of social work organizations to be invigorating, sustaining and motivating. There are so many versions of social work being done across the country, world. Health Social Work, like many other professions, can be isolating. Sometimes, we are often the "only social worker" in our clinic, on the floor, or in the agency.

Which organization should you join? What would you advise your staff, students, colleagues? I think it depends on where you are working and what you're doing in your career. If you work in health care, the Society of Social Work Leaders in Health Care can be your home base community! **We are all leaders.** We all work in health care, have different titles, job descriptions, locations. But we all work in health care. There is so much value being able to connect with others in the field. The rewards are many: networking, new jobs, information, research, promoting the profession, finding out new regulations that impact your work. For me, mostly it is knowing I have access to and belong to a community of health social workers.

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WHEN I JOINED
SSWLHC, I FELT
LIKE I WAS
HOME,
SURROUNDED
BY FAMILY,
STRONGER
TOGETHER.



SSWLHC 56TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

**TUSCON, ARIZONA
OCT. 25 - 28TH, 2021**

We hope you will join us, in person, in Tuscon Arizona for our annual SSWLHC Conference! It has been a long year and much has changed in healthcare. Social Workers in healthcare are in a unique position to be leaders, advocates, clinicians, researchers and so much more.

SSWLHC is YOUR organization - to come together as a group; support each other, share resources, have stronger voices together as we all endeavor forward to reach our mission of ,promoting the universal availability, accessibility, coordination, and effectiveness of healthcare, with a focus on the psychosocial components of health and illness.

BILLING CHANGES FOR ADVANCE CARE PLANNING BY SOCIAL WORKERS

Many of you already know that as a result of COVID-19, emergency orders were put in place to accommodate the fast changing billing needs for providers.

If you are an LCSW or MSW and providing discussion sessions, information, about **Advance Care Planning**, you are able to bill using the 99497 and 99498 CPT codes.

We have been able to bill using these codes for ACP as "incident to" a physician provider for a few years. This emergency order gave LCSW's the ability to bill independently. MSW's are able to use the incident to billing option.



Join us in Tucson!!



For more information:

[CMS.gov](https://www.cms.gov)

"THE ROLES OF SOCIAL WORKERS ARE INCREASINGLY EXPANDING, PARTICULARLY FOR SOCIAL WORKERS PRACTICING AS MEMBERS OF INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE TEAMS. THESE NEW ROLES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN INCREASING NUMBER OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS, A WORKFORCE THAT IS EXPECTED TO **GROW BY 20% OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.**" *

THE ROLE OF HEALTH SOCIAL WORKERS IN INTEGRATED CARE

Dr. Zerden has provided the necessary data we can bring to leadership and development to underscore the need for more health social workers in integrated care & primary care setting. Clearly we have the expertise to increase the quality of care for patients & families in the out-pt and in-patient setting. These needs have been made all the more obvious during COVID-19.

[Lisa D. Zerden, Brianna M. Lombardi, Erica L. Richman, Social workers on the interprofessional integrated team: Elements of team integration and barriers to practice.](#)

Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice, Volume 17, 2019,100286,SSN 2405-4526,<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xjep.2019.100286>.

Articles of interest on the topic:

SOCIAL WORKERS CO-LOCATED WITH PHYSICIANS IN PRIMARY CARE

Lombardi BM, Zerden LS, Richman EL. Where are social workers co-located with primary care physicians? *Soc Work Health Care*. 2019 Oct;58(9):885-898. doi: 10.1080/00981389.2019.1659907. Epub 2019 Sep 24. PMID: 31549928.

SOCIAL WORKERS ON INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS

Marmo, S., & Berkman, C. (2018). Social Workers' Perceptions of Job Satisfaction, Interdisciplinary Collaboration, and Organizational Leadership. *J Soc Work End Life Palliat Care*, 14(1), 8-27. doi:10.1080/15524256.2018.1437590

HEALTH SOCIAL WORK MENTORSHIP

SSWLHC HAS A GREAT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FOR HEALTH SOCIAL WORKERS

There are over 17,000 social workers in the health care field. We work in a variety of settings, offering many different services. Even though we are many, it can feel as though we are on this journey alone. SSWLHC provides a community for you. We also provide mentorship: an opportunity to become a mentor or be a mentee. This is a wonderful benefit of your membership.

Just go to the SSWLHC website and [click on Mentorship](#) application. We will take it from there.



IF YOU ARE FEELING
A LITTLE TIRED OR
WORN OUT,
BECOME A MENTOR
& REFRESH
YOURSELF BY
HELPING OTHERS!

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Mentorship program
- Reduced rates for professional development activities such as conference and webinars
- National Networking
- Access to resources
- Reduce member price on the APHSW-Certification application
- Job Listings

HEALTH SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

IF YOU WORK IN THE FIELD OF SERIOUS ILLNESS, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE APHSW-C!

There are several social work certifications you can attain working in health social work. NASW has several portfolio based certifications you should check out. Additionally, if you work in serious illness care, you might be eligible to sit for the APHSW-C exam! This is the first and only evidence, exam based advanced certification for social workers in the field.

SSWLHC recently decided to partner with APHSW-C to offer their members a discount on the application of 33%. . Of note, this will change to 25% in 2022, so this is the year to apply!

SSWLHC MEMBERS ARE NOW ABLE TO RECEIVE A 33% DISCOUNT ON THE APHSW-C APPLICATION!!!!

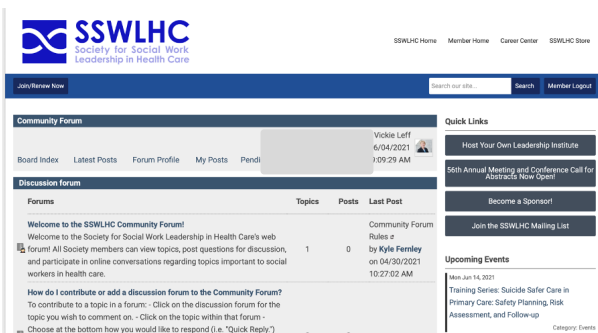


Advanced Palliative Hospice Social Worker Certificate



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SSWLHC General Forum!



The SSWLHC General forum for members is open and busy!! We also have topic related forums for your specific issues, questions, concerns in health care.

If you're not sure where to post, try the general forum as a start. We represent a lot of social workers in health care from across the country. We can learn together, share resources, ask questions on the forum. It's so easy to use!