

The South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners

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Letter From President Jane A. Anker, MA, LISW

By this time, all social work



licensees are aware that we have a new statute governing the practice of

professional social work in South Carolina. We have changed from a title protection act to a practice act. The new practice act protects the title of social work and defines the practice of social work at several different levels.

Underlying every change is the concern for public protection, the purpose of social work regulation, and the Board's first consideration. The new law enhances public protection by raising standards and restricting practice in some areas to those who have demonstrated their expertise through supervision, course work and examination.

For the first time, it is stated in South Carolina statute that certain social workers are qualified to assess, diagnose, and treat mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders and conditions. This is a major accomplishment, believe it or not. Accompanying this are added requirements for the LISW-CP in the form of course work, supervision hours, and ethics education. The LISW-AP has similar requirements.

The new law restricts any indepen-

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Message from Administrator Patti Glenn

- (1) The Social Work Board welcomed one new member appointed by Governor Jim Hodges in 2001-2002. The new appointee is Mary B. Curlee, LMSW, from Lexington. Mary filled the LMSW vacancy left by John Kennedy, LMSW when his term expired.
- (2) By now you should have received your copy of the revised Chapter 63 Code of Laws booklet, which was mailed to each licensee on May 8, 2002. The statute outlines the revised requirements for licensure and delineates social work practice for each level of licensure. It is the responsibility of each licensed social worker to read the statute to ensure that his/her practice is in compliance with the new law. Please note Section

2(A)&(B) – Conversion – to see which section applies to your license. If you are an LMSW or LISW and are seeking conversion, you need to complete an application for conversion. For more instruction, please check our Web site at www.llr.state.sc.us or call the Board office for a conversion application. Also, please note the revised requirements for LISW supervisors.

- (3) Along with the new law changes, the Social Work Board will be implementing a biennial renewal period. Beginning this renewal period you will renew for a two-year period. This renewal period you will pay fees for two years of licensure, and you will not renew again until December 31, 2004. The biennial license renewal fee

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Key Changes in New Law (Chapter 63)

Chapter 63 of the South Carolina Code of Laws was revised and signed into law on March 12, 2002. The statute, which governs the practice and title of social workers in South Carolina, outlines the revised requirements for social work licensure and delineates social work practice for each level of licensure.

- The Board no longer has the authority to issue a temporary license. Temporary licenses issued before March 12, 2002, will be honored; however, when these licenses expire, they will not be renewed.
- The Board no longer has the authority to issue a license to an applicant who does not hold a baccalaureate, master's or doctorate degree in social work. An

applicant must have a degree in social work as a prerequisite for taking the examination for social work licensure.

- New Required Coursework for LISW Applicants:

- LISW-CP/AP applicants must have: 15 academic or 20 continuing education hours in professional ethics (during the course of the professional supervision period.)

- LISW-CP applicants must have: 45 academic contact hours of psychopathology. 45 academic contact hours of psychodiagnostics.

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Disciplinary Actions

During the 2001-2002 fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2001), the Board of Social Work investigated 24 new complaints against licensees.

The results of investigations from fiscal year 2001-2002 are as follows:

- One complaint form was never returned to the Board office.
- Eleven complaints were dismissed after full investigations because there were no violations of Chapter 63, Code of Laws or the Code of Professional Conduct.
- Three complaints were not under the jurisdiction of the Social Work Board and were referred to another state agency.
- Seven complaints are ongoing and in the process of investigation by the Board Investigator Larry Atkins.
- One complaint was dismissed with a "Letter of Warning" issued to the social worker for paying the bail for her client. The Board noted that this was unprofessional conduct and gave the appearance of a dual relationship with the client. The Board recommended that the social worker avoid the appearance of this conduct in her future professional relationships.
- One complaint was dismissed with a "Letter of Concern" issued to the social worker regarding his use of self-disclosure during therapy services. The Board noted that any self-disclosure during therapy sessions, especially with minors, should be, both appropriate and limited.

Nine investigations from fiscal year 2000-2001 resulted in the following:

- Four complaints were dismissed after full investigations because there were no violations of Chapter 63, Code of Laws, or the Code of Professional Conduct.
- Two complaints against the same licensee are under investigation and are expected to lead to a disciplinary hearing.
- One complaint was dismissed with a "Letter of Concern" regarding assisting clients with referrals. The Board recommended that she ensure that she follow proper procedures and offer proper assistance to clients when making out-of-state referrals in dialysis cases.
- On June 7, 2001, the Board approved a "Consent Order" signed and agreed to by Shelley Wingard, LMSW, for suspension, immediately stayed, upon the conditions that her license continue in a probationary status for a two-year period for improper and false Medicaid billing. On or about June 22, 2000, Respondent met with T.S. and/or T.S.'s family for thirty (30) minutes but billed Medicaid for two hours. On or about July 20, 2000, Respondent met with T.S. and/or T.S.'s family for 60 minutes but billed Medicaid for two hours. On or about August 29, 2000, Respondent met with T.S. and/or T.S.'s family for 90 minutes but billed Medicaid for two hours. The following terms of probation were also imposed: to complete a doctoral level course in ethics at USC; to complete 12 hours of Board

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South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners Chapter 63 – Section 2 - Conversion

Effective March 12, 2002

(A) For one year after this act's effective date, social work licenses issued pursuant to Chapter 63, Title 40 of the 1976 Code prior to amendment of Chapter 63 Section 1 of this act must be converted to licenses authorized pursuant to this act as follows:

LISWs with examination:

- (1) Current Licensed Independent Social Workers who have already, successfully passed either the clinical or advanced practice examination, must be immediately granted a Clinical Practice or Advanced Practice designation by the board, according to the examination passed. **(The Board office will automatically convert licenses – the licensee does not need to contact the office.)**

LISWs with MSW/DSW without examination: (1 year to convert)

- (2) Current License Independent Social Workers who hold the Masters of Social Work or doctorate degree in social work shall submit their major practice area to the board for evaluation and determination of the appropriate licensure designation of Clinical Practice and/or Advanced Practice. An individual has the option to take the exam or exams for designation of Clinical Practice and/or Advanced Practice. **(Contact the board office or visit the web site at www.llr.state.sc.us for the A2 Conversion Application.)**

LISWs without MSW/DSW without examination: (4 years to convert)

- (3) Current Licensed Independent Social Workers who do not hold the Masters of Social Work or doctorate degree in social work shall, within four years of the date of this act, attain a Licensed Independent Social Worker – Clinical Practice and/or Licensed Independent Social Worker - Advanced Practice License by meeting the examination requirements of the board or cease and desist from independent practice and accept licensure as a Licensed Masters Social Worker. **(Contact the board office to be approved to sit for the Clinical or Advanced exam.)**

LMSWs

- (4) Current Licensed Masters Social Workers must be immediately granted a Licensed Masters Social Worker License. **(The Board office will automatically convert licenses. Your LMSW license card will remain the same; you will receive a new LMSW license card when you renew 12/31/02.)**

LBSWs

- (5) Current Licensed Baccalaureate Social Workers must be immediately granted a Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker License. **(The Board office will automatically convert licenses. Your LBSW license card will remain the same; you will receive a new LBSW license card when you renew 12/31/02.)**

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2002 - 2003 Board Meeting Dates

September 16, 2002
November 18, 2002
January 27, 2003
March 17, 2003
May 19, 2003
September 15, 2003
November 17, 2003

License Statistics

Current # of Licensees

LBSW – 1,385
LMSW – 1,811
LISW – 759
TOTAL – 3,955

Current # of Applicants

LBSW – 117
LMSW – 211
LISW – 169
TOTAL - 497

2001 Expired Licenses

LBSW – 78
LMSW – 86
LISW – 31
TOTAL - 195

ASWB Test Results May 21, 2001 June 4, 2002

BASIC

Pass – 21 Fail – 29

INTERMEDIATE

Pass – 95 Fail – 65

CLINICAL

Pass – 29 Fail – 18

ADVANCED

Pass – 1 Fail – 1

Required Coursework For LISW CP/AP Applicants

Under the auspices of the SCNASW, South Carolina Social Work Education Programs have been actively working to improve both social work practice and education in our state. In response to the needs of the recent changes in the South Carolina Social Work Licensure requirements, the social work educators have formed the South Carolina Consortium of Social Work Educators (SCCSWE). The Consortium represents all of the social work education programs in South Carolina. These include: Benedict College, Coker College, Columbia College, Limestone College, SC State University, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina, and Winthrop University.

The Continuing Education Program of the College of Social Work-USC will coordinate the efforts of consortium members to provide the required social work educational contact hours for both LISW applicants and LISW supervisors in the following areas are available:

- Social Work Ethics – 15 academic contact hour course
- Psychopathology – 45 academic contact hour course
- Psycho-diagnostics – 45 academic contact hour course
- Social Work Supervision – 45 academic contact hour course

Currently Ethics courses are scheduled as follows:

Charleston
Class #1

September 25 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
September 27 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
September 28 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM)

Class #2

December 4 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
December 6 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
December 7 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM)

Columbia
Class #3

September 18 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
September 20 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
September 21 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM)

Class #4

November 20 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
November 22 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
November 23 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM)

Florence
Class #5

September 4 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)

September 6 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
September 7 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM)

Class #6

November 13 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
November 15 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
November 16 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM)

Greenville

Class #7

September 11 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
September 13 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
September 14 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM)

Class #8

December 18 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
December 20 (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)
December 21 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM)

The point of contact for registering for the courses listed above or to schedule course(s) in your geographic area is:

Dr. Chuck Kuhn, Chair, SCCSWE
e-mail ckuhn@limestone.edu
(803) 256-8397, ext 104
250 Greystone Blvd.
Columbia, SC 29210

Renewal Changes From Annual to Biennial

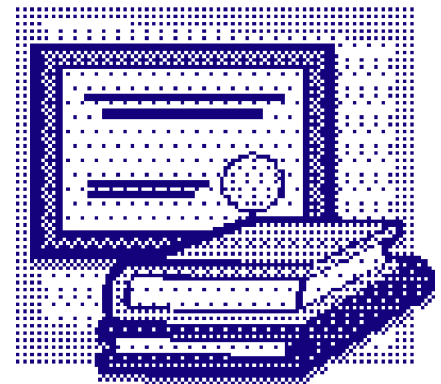
Beginning this renewal period, you will renew for a two-year period. This renewal period you will pay fees for two years of licensure, and you will not renew again until December 31, 2004. The biennial license renewal fee for this upcoming renewal will be \$90 (\$45 for 2002 and \$45 for 2003). The late fee for renewals returned after the January 1, 2003, deadline will be an additional \$50 added to the renewal fee.

A late fee penalty of \$50 will be charged for all late renewals received postmarked from January 1 to February 1, 2003. If your completed renewal and renewal fee have not been received in the Board's office postmarked by February 1, 2003 your license will expire. There will be **no** exceptions.

Renewals will be mailed to all

licensed social workers by October 1. If you do not receive your renewal packet by November 1, contact the Board office immediately at (803) 896-4665 to request another renewal form. It is your responsibility to notify the Board in writing of any change of address or name change. It is also your responsibility to notify the Board if you have not received your renewal.

The sooner you mail your renewal form back to the Board office, the sooner you will receive your wallet license card. Do not wait until the last minute to send your renewal form and expect your license card mailed to you by January 1. If your employer needs your new license card by January 1, you must complete your renewal and send it back early. **If you wait until the last minute to mail in your renewal, it could take four to six**



weeks to receive your new license in the mail, so please allow a sufficient amount of time for us to process your renewal.

Incomplete renewal forms will be returned and if not resubmitted by the deadline of January 1, will result in a \$50 late fee penalty charge or by February 1, will result in expiration.

Newly Licensed Social Workers July 2001 - May 2002

LBSW

Ann Marie Baker
Brooke Franklin Bass
Gay S. Birnbaum
Paulette Lowe Blake
Virginia L. Bullard
Marilyn J. Calore
Mary M. Carrion
Elizabeth Marshall Darrah
Vynique L. Dash
Gerod Michael Gore
Zendra Evette Govan
Deanna Gregg Gray
Tammie K. Hart
Louie Von Hinson
Pamela Beam Howell
Loretta G. Hudson-Barnhill
Pricilla Ann Land
Jennifer Wells McCort
Rebecca Susan McDaniels
Jennifer W. Nix
John Benjamin Olliff
S. Wynette Ray
Jennifer Marie Shauger
Meghan Elizabeth Shaver
Carrie A. Slick
Summer Gainey Stanley
Dana E. Wigle
Cynthia Gayle Wilkerson
Katrina Nicole Williams
Blythe Bondurant Wilson

LMSW

Caraline Walden Alford
Tarin Bickford Allen
Jerry L. Allred
Katherine M. Andrade
Edith Suesann Andrews
Gretchen Ericka Bair
Diane E. Barber
Tresa Goodwine Barnwell
Gayle Lynn Basten
Donna Lee Smathers Beebe
Elinor Susan Bell
Diana Lynn Bilton
Marsha Bolin
Kimberly Marie Buckner
Natalia Larissa Buchok
Stephen Eric Burgess
Allyson Hooper Burke
Brenda Ann Burnette
Susan A. Burns
Courtney Catherine Byrne

Kori Cecil Cooper
Carolyn Alice Chatham
Amy E. Clark
Tammy Byrd Clements
Valerie Delores Conner
Cheryl Haley Cooley
Terri Daniels-Little
Tracey Dean
V. Cecilia DeAntonio
Katherine Ann Dereng
Jessie M. Dickerson
Christine Anderson Dowling
Denise Latrelle Dunbar
Neathery Wilcox Elliott
Suzanne Hartness Fentress
Catherine Arlene Ganzy
Amy Marie Gentry
Lorene Strange Godbold
Deborah E. Guilfoyle
Allison Anne Haberfield
Marcella L. Hamilton
Carla S. Henson
Leah Elizabeth Howell
Carrie E. Hollow
Anthony Joseph Holloway
Kathryn Paige Jagers
Christine Alicia Jenkins
Katherine Elizabeth Jones
Jean Keefe
Beverly Hicks Kemnitzer
Karen Kinard
Cynthia Lynne Knott
Erica Nicole Kress
Katherine Henrietta Leith
Adrienne Nickisha Logan
Maria Villafane Lundell
Judy Renae Marshall
Kathleen J. McCarthy
Joyce McCormack-Wozniak
Deborah Ann McCoy
MaLinda Aletha McCray
Cynthia Wallace McFadden
Lia McKay
Anna McKelvey-Terry
Robin Dale McLaughlin
Lynn McMillan
Mary Alleyne McMillan
Stacey Denise McPhail
Spencer Logan Miller
Lysa A. Miller-Dufre
Tonya Marie Mires
Julie Hodges Moore
Virginia Lynn Morris

Emily S. Mudd
Sarah Elizabeth Murray
Virginia Murry-Ellis
Annette D. Nelson
Winnie B. Pace
Caryl Ann Payne
Rashanda Dyan Petty
Lisa Kay Phelan
Nicole M. Pierce
Heather Harrington Prince
Amelia Virginia Reece
Melissa Catherine Reitmeier
Sherri L. Rempe
Leigh Ann Ringer
William A. Roberts
Sara Smith Robinson
Rebecca Adams Roesch
Elizabeth Nicole Rosenthal
Ronald Joseph Rousseau
Vicki Maye Runnion
Anne Evans Schermerhorn
Charlotte Best Seignions
Lynda J. Shephard
Angela McManus Shirley
James Paul Shirley
Kimberly Simpson
Sara Irene Sims
Marjorie Fairey Small
Bobbi Jo Smith
Pamela Cain Smith
Aubrey S. Sowell
Meeghan Callahan Sowinski
Rebecca Hicks Spanberg
Patsy Kay Strom
Sherry Sughrue
Katrina Yvette Sylvain
Elizabeth Richmond Tuller
Susan Allen Vincent
Julise Tonia Washington
Karen Mary Watson
Terri S. Whirrett
Yolanda Elaine White
Kay Sharon White-Drakeford
Harriet Patricia Willimon
Paul L. Zarembka

LISW-CP

Pamela Amatucci
Margaret A. Baer
Franklin Bolgan
Leigh F. Bostic
Jack Clinton

Bailey E.W. Creech
Joanna E. Davis
Sheri D. Hardin Dawson
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Vicki N. Shuster
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Continuing Education: Approved Home Study C.E.

All licensees must maintain their own record and documentation of continuing education for three years. The Board will not maintain continuing education files for licensees. The licensee should only send continuing education certificates to the Board if he/she has been selected for mandatory audit.

The Board conducts a random audit annually, at which time selected licensees must provide individual records and verification of completed continuing education documentation and certificates.

If you happen to be one of those licensees who cannot find the time away from work to attend continuing education seminars, or your work does not provide continuing education for you, there are “at-home” continuing education programs available. You may contact any of the following for “at-home” or Internet continuing education information:

ASWB:	1-800-225-6880 or www.aswb.org
On Good Authority:	1-800-835-9636
Healthcare Training Institute:	1-812-332-1366
PRIMEDIA Healthcare:	1-800-624-2272
Psycho Educational Resources:	1-800-892-9249
Medical Update	1-888-359-9600 or www.athome.medicalupdate.com

2001 South Carolina Pass/Fail Rates

Exam Category Group Type	Total # of Candidates	Pass Rate	
		Number	Percentage
Basic			
1st Time	36	22	61.1
Repeat	9	1	11.1
Total	45	89	51.1
Intermediate			
1st Time	109	80	73.4
Repeat	38	9	23.7
Total	147	89	60.5
Advanced			
1st Time	1	0	0
Repeat	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0
Clinical			
1st Time	26	18	69.2
Repeat	8	3	37.5
Total	34	21	61.8
Total	227	133	58.6

2001 National Pass/Fail Rates

Exam Category Group Type	Total # of Candidates	Pass Rate	
		Number	Percentage
Basic			
1st Time	4063	3414	84.0
Repeat	689	265	38.5
Total	4752	3679	77.4
Intermediate			
1st Time	7178	5650	78.7
Repeat	1650	581	35.2
Total	8828	6231	70.6
Advanced			
1st Time	203	132	65.0
Repeat	57	27	47.4
Total	260	159	61.2
Clinical			
1st Time	5858	4264	72.8
Repeat	2124	867	40.8
Total	7982	5131	64.3
Total	22,198	15,421	69.5

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When will the Board notify us of the new law?

- A. By the time you read this, you should have received a copy of the new law. If you have not, please notify the Board so staff can mail you one. You also can find a copy of the law on the Board's Web site www.llr.state.sc.us.

Q. I am a grandfathered LISW with an MSW degree; do I have to take an examination under the new law?

- A. No. You may choose to take the clinical or advanced exam, but it is not required. However, you will need to fill out an A2 conversion application on which you are to describe your major practice area so the Board can evaluate and determine where to assign you – either LISW-AP or LISW-CP. If you are an LISW without the MSW degree, then it is required that, within four years, you take either the clinical or advanced examination to keep your LISW license, or your license will be converted to an LMSW license.

Q. How do I become an approved LISW supervisor?

- A. To become an approved supervisor, one must first be a Licensed Independent Social Worker, CP or AP and have a minimum of 4,500 hours of clinical/advanced practice earned over a period of not less than three years beyond receipt of LISW CP/AP and have obtained 45 academic coursework or continuing education hours in supervision.

The Consortium of Social Work Educators is providing the supervision course. Contact Dr. Kuhn at (803) 252-8397 for information.

Q. It's December 1 and my license expires at the end of the month (December 31), and I don't have all my CEUs yet. What can I do?

- A. Although your license expires on the last day of the month (December 31), you have a 30-day grace period until February 1 to renew your license. (There is a late fee penalty charged after January 1.) If you have not completed the required 20 hours of CEUs, you may use this additional time to obtain the required CE hours. However, your license will expire if you have not obtained the required CEUs by February 1.

Q. I accidentally let my license expire after the 30-day grace period, what can I do?

- A. Unfortunately the Board has neither provisions nor statutory authority to extend the grace period beyond 30 days. If you allow your license to expire past the grace period, you may apply for reinstatement. According to § 40-63-250(E), any licensee who allows his license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided in this section, may be reinstated by the Board upon satisfactory explanation by the licensee of his failure to renew his license and upon payment of a reinstatement fee and the current renewal fee to be determined by the Board. If a licensee has lapsed for more than two years, the person must reapply.



This would mean that for those who were “grandfathered in” without a degree in social work, they would not be eligible for licensure under the new law. Engaging in the practice of social work while one's license is expired is against the law and subjects the social worker to discipline by the Board.

Q. Whose responsibility is it if I don't receive my renewal form in the mail?

- A. It is still the licensee's responsibility to renew his/her license annually. If you do not receive your annual renewal form by November 1, call the Board office immediately to request that another renewal form be sent to you. We understand that sometimes renewal forms get lost in the mail or are delayed. It is the Board's responsibility to mail the renewal form to you; however, it is not the Board's responsibility to ensure that you receive your renewal form. It is your responsibility to request that another renewal form be mailed to you if you have not received it by November 1. It is also your responsibility to notify the Board in writing of any address change. Renewal forms will also be available on the Board Web site, www.llr.state.s.c.us.

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(B) Licensed Masters Social Workers who as of the effective date of this act are engaged in the practice of independent social work may be granted a license as follows:

LMSW's with or without MSW/DSW engaged in the practice of independent social work may convert to LISW or cease & desist from Independent Practice: (1 year to declare your intent to convert in this manner, 4 years to convert)

- (1) Licensed Masters Social Workers currently engaged in the practice of independent social work shall within four years of the date of this act, attain a Licensed Independent Social Worker – Clinical Practice License or a Licensed Independent Social Worker – Advanced Practice License by meeting the supervision and examination requirements of the board or cease and desist from independent practice. **(Contact the board office or visit the web site at www.llr.state.sc.us for the B1 Conversion Application and LISW Application packet.)**

LMSW's with MSW/DSW engaged in the practice of independent social work may submit experience/supervision to Board for Waiver of Supervision Requirements: (1 year to convert your LMSW license to LISW-CP or LISW-AP by meeting these requirements)

- (2) Licensed Masters Social Workers with a Masters of Social Work or doctorate degree in social work may submit their experience and supervision to the board for consideration of a waiver of current supervision requirements. Applicants who hold the Academy of Certified Social Workers, the Diplomat in Clinical Social Work, or the Board Certified Diplomat credential must be considered to have satisfactory evidence of supervision. Upon verification of their experience and supervision, these individuals may qualify for a Licensed Independent Social Worker License by successfully passing the Clinical or Advanced Practice Examination. **(Contact the board office or visit the web site at www.llr.state.sc.us for the B2 Conversion Application and LISW Application.)**

Employers Beware!

State-required posters that involve workplace laws are available **free** of charge. You do not have to pay for them.

The posters – now available in an all-in-one poster format – can be obtained from the S.C. Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation, S.C. Employment Security Commission, S.C. Human Affairs Commission or S.C. Workers' Compensation Commission.

The all-in-one-poster includes:

- Safety and Health Protection on the Job (the OSHA poster)
- Employment Discrimination
- Workers Compensation
- Unemployment Insurance
- Payment of Wages, Child Labor and Right-to-Work Laws

If you want to place an order or have questions, contact one of the following:

- LLR, (803) 896-4380, or by email at fosterb@mail.llr.state.sc.us.
- Employment Security, (803) 737-2474
- Human Affairs, (803) 737-7800 or 1-800-521-0725
- Workers Compensation, (803) 737-5700

Confidential Patient Information

Confidential patient information disclosures are governed by §19-11-95 (D)(1). This section of the law requires disclosure “when required by statutory law or by court order.” Subpoenas from attorneys in civil litigation are conspicuously absent from the list and, therefore, should not be honored by practioners who receive them. If the attorney wants the information, then he/she will have to go to the judge to obtain a court order, as provided by §19-11-95, before a practioner may lawfully be required to make the necessary disclosure.

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for this upcoming renewal will be \$90 (\$45 for 2002 and \$45 for 2003). The late fee for renewals returned after the January 1, 2003, deadline will be \$50.

- (4) LLR has upgraded its computer system agencywide. It will be operational for our area by the renewal period. Our new computer system will expand capabilities for staff and have many advantages for licensees. Licensees will be able to access renewal forms and pay fees by credit card. If renewal forms are lost in the mail, licensees will be able to access the form over the Web site. Applicants and licensees will also be able to access and pay for applications over the internet. The new computer system will give staff many new capabilities and opportunities to improve customer service. We will be able to electronically communicate with ASWB to process examination

scores and disciplinary actions. We will also be able to image licensure information, track complaint information, and monitor continuing education compliance. Those of us with the Social Work Board office look forward to using the new computer system with its expanded capabilities.

- (5) The public is now able to verify licenses on the "Licensee Look-up" on our Web site at www.llr.state.sc.us. Interested parties also can verify license renewals and expiration dates at the end of the renewal period. The information is continually updated every 24 hours. By using the licensee look-up, employers, insurance companies, hospitals and the public will have instant access to licensee's renewal information, licensee's license expiration date and disciplinary actions.

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approved continuing education (six hours in management and six hours in billing) and not to bill or occupy a position involving billing for therapy for 18 months.

On March 21, 2002, the Board approved a "Consent Order" signed and agreed to by Carol Sottile Conway, LMSW, for a Public Reprimand. On or about June 21, 2000, Conway wrongfully utilized her professional social work credentials and offered a professional opinion in an affidavit prepared for the

Charleston County Family Court on behalf of her daughter. Conway made improper professional recommendations regarding her grandchildren's custody and visitation rights of the son-in-law and paternal grandparents without establishing a professional relationship with the relevant parties. She further misrepresented her credentials by asserting that she is a "Licensed Clinical Social Worker."

Along with the Public Reprimand, Conway was to complete Board-approved coursework in professional conduct or ethics

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- * LISW-AP applicants must have: 90 academic contact hours in social work practice with communities and organizations.
- * LISW-CP/AP supervisors must have: Minimum of 4500 hours of clinical/advanced practice earned over a period of not less than three years and have obtained 45 academic or 45 continuing education hours in supervision.

All of the new statute-required coursework will be available through the Social Work Educators Consortium. These courses will have the same standardized syllabus and be taught at locations throughout the state. They will be available at evening and weekend times. Contact Dr. Kuhn at (803) 252-8397 for information.

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dent/private practice to those with LISW licenses. For this reason, the law contains a provision specifically for those LMSWs whose main practice was independent/private when the law was enacted in March 2002. These people whose livelihood depended on their independent/private work are allowed time to meet requirements for independent/private practice. Some may choose to return to agency practice rather than go through the rigors of supervision and examination. All must declare their intent during the coming year by completing a form for the Board office.

The Board collectively has spent thousands of hours over the past six years studying, discussing, drafting, and revising countless drafts of this bill. We are pleased in that the new bill strengthens public protection and in so doing, we believe, strengthens the profession of social work in South Carolina.

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Recently Moved Or Had A Name Change?

Have you recently moved or had a name change, and you're not quite sure what the Board office needs from you?

If you have recently moved, you need to notify the Board office in writing of your new address. You may contact the Board office with this information by fax, mail or e-mail. However, it is important that you contact the Board office as soon as possible, so that we can ensure proper delivery of your renewal form.

If you've recently had a name change, the Board office needs a copy of your legal document (marriage certificate, court document, driver's license, etc..) showing your name change. If you have any questions on this process, please contact the Board office.

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