It's a brand new year! While the challenges of the pandemic are still causing concern, the new year brings a fresh start. We're working on new trainings and exciting changes that we'll reveal in the coming months.

No Surprises Act: What Clinical Social Workers Need to Know

Several federal agencies including the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor have issued new regulations implementing the No Surprises Act. These went into effect on January 1, 2022 and have implications for clinical social workers (CSWs) and many other health provider types as well as healthcare facilities, insurers and health plans.

The No Surprises Act was enacted by Congress in late 2020 and is intended to prevent consumers from receiving unanticipated medical bills. Use the links on the right to learn more about the implications for CSWs and for more resources.

Helpful links for more information:
- Federal rule to prevent surprise health care billing. This is the original post from the NASW Social Work Blog.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services webpage

The 2022 Indiana Legislative Session begins

After beginning the 2022 Legislative Session on November 16th with Organization Day, the Indiana Senate and House reconvened on January 4, 2022 for this year’s "short" session, which will end in March.

You're invited to follow along as NASW Indiana navigates this new and exciting session by signing up for our VoterVoice Action Alerts. Click here to sign up now!

All NASW members are welcome to join and participate in the NASW-IN Public Policy/LEAD Committee. The committee meets weekly from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays starting January 12th. Email info.naswin@socialworkers.org to join.
It's time to nominate!

Who is YOUR social work superhero? In March, social work month celebrates "The Time Is Right for Social Work." The time is always right for social work, but as the nation continues to grapple with the COVID pandemic, the need for social workers is greater than ever. As we lift up the profession in March and present regional awards, help us celebrate the social work heroes in Indiana by nominating your hero today!

Submit your nomination online

Deadline January 21, 2022
Social Worker of the Year
Community Partner of the Year

Deadline March 25, 2022
Emerging Social Work Leader
MSW & BSW Students of the Year

LEAD is not too far away!

The 2022 Legislative Education and Advocacy Day is back at the State House this year! On Monday, February 21, social work students and professionals will gather to celebrate a social work lobby day. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., the program will include information about key legislation and talking points, words of welcome from Indiana legislators and more. To learn more, click here. If you are interested in bringing a group of students, email info.naswin@socialworkers.org.

We will also be scheduling Virtual Educational Sessions before the February 21st event. Keep an eye on our LEAD page for scheduled dates for these sessions.

Resources
- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule for CY 2022: Implications for Clinical Social Workers
- The primary panel discussions from our 2021 Virtual Annual Conference are now on our YouTube Channel. This includes "BIPOC Mental Health Matters;" "The Unique Roles Essential Social Workers Play;" and "Self-Care and the NASW Code of Ethics."
- Member benefit: MyNASW. MyNASW is a virtual community where you can learn from peers, share your knowledge and grow your connections. Post questions and participate in discussions. Find colleagues using the member directory and browse resources.
Events/News

**Lunch & Learn**
Radical Recovery: The Importance of Love & Connection in Substance Use Micro and Macro Interventions
January 12, 2022

**PREPARE for your care**
with Andrea Lantz
MSW, LCSW and Certified Respecting Choices® Advance Care Planning Facilitator & Instructor
January 25, 2022
10:00 am — 2:00 pm (EST)
3.5 CEUs
$45 NASW members
$75 Non-members

**Chapter Chats & Mindfulness Moments**

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**Last chance to register!**
January 12 @ noon (EST)
[Register now](#)

**Limited seats! In-depth training on Advance Care Planning**
[Register now](#)

**New Lunch & Learn series starting Friday, Feb. 11th - Free!**
[Details to come](#)

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“January is the quietest month in the garden...”

But just because it looks quiet doesn’t mean that nothing is happening.”

— Rosalie Muller Wright

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**Useful Links**

NASW Indiana Chapter

Join NASW - renew your membership

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