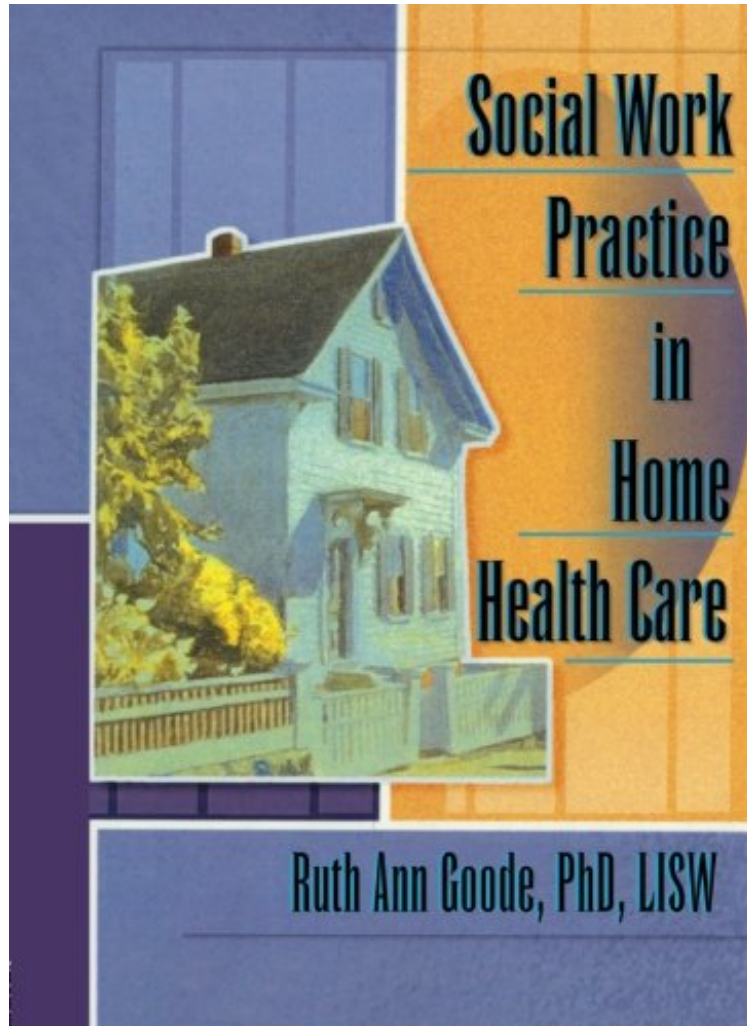


## Social Work Practice in Home Health Care

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**Ruth Ann Goode-Chresos : Social Work Practice in Home Health Care** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Social Work Practice in Home Health Care:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Out of date informationBy HelenI have this item as a rental now for just about 24 hours and it is clear to me that it was not worth the one month fee due to the fact that the book is not published as promoted in 2012, but in 1999. Something so outdated is of no use to me professionally and I will never look at the book beyond today- A waste of money.9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Basic concepts deliveredBy A CustomerThis a good basic primer for either a social worker who has not done home health before, a social worker who has done home health but knows little about how to perform the job, or for home health care administrators who do not know the functions of social work in home health (which there are way too many of as noted by the author). The book, however, is written in a format that reminds me of a workshop presentation. Lots of

bullets, and unfortunately a lot of duplication. The problem I had with the book can be found in Chapter 7, "Medicare Standards for Social Work..." The author presents a lot of incorrect information regarding this (i.e. will reimburse for SW services for only 2 to 4 visits.) This is an intermediary's interpretation, not a Medicare Standard or even a HCFA interpretation. Her step by step approach SW referral and documentation is useful; however, it should not be under the heading of "Medicare Standards" since there are a multitude of other ways to do the same thing. This is just a couple of examples, there are many more. Lastly, this book seems to be becoming a little bit out of date. With Prospective Payment System (PPS) coming into the Home Health Care market, some of what is in this book will not be relevant (especially Medicare's attempts to control cost by controlling visits, which was needed under a fee for service arrangement but not under PPS). Finally, there is little mention whatsoever of social work intervention under managed care. This is becoming half of the patient population in Home Health Care, and nothing was mentioned about how to interact with managed care companies in home health. Still if you can get around the presentation that seems to indicate there is only one right way of doing social work services in Home Health Care under the Medicare model, the book does have some usefulness.

Through *Social Work Practice in Home Health Care*, social workers will discover a unique "how-to" approach to social work practice in home health care agencies. You will find a historical perspective on home health care and clinical interventions to help you improve home health care for your patients. A wide range of clients, such as the developmentally disabled, post-hospitalization patients, the physically disabled and chronically impaired of all ages, the mentally ill, the terminally ill, newborn infants and their mothers, abused older adults, and abused children are in need of appropriate services that lead to positive and helpful results. Through *Social Work Practice in Home Health Care*, you will discover how to tailor your practice to meet the needs of individual clients and improve their quality of life. Current and comprehensive, *Social Work Practice in Home Health Care* provides you with successful methods and suggestions to find resources that clients need in order to face certain life challenges, such as abuse, neglect, poverty, malnutrition, uninhabitable housing, dysfunctional family situations, sensory deprivation, isolation, caregiver stresses, and alcohol and drug abuse. This unique book offers you techniques that can be used with any client base, including: learning from the successes and failures of others through case studies of twelve home health care agencies understanding problem areas of home health care and how clinical interventions can be used to help you make a difference in challenging situations analyzing staffing trends and clinical patient care policies regarding social work services to better assist individuals and their families in identifying, resolving, or minimizing the problems that often accompany an illness screening your clients who are in need of social work interventions, such as individuals suffering from depression over an amputation or debilitating heart attack implementing educational programs that provide systemic knowledge about Medicare to improve your services to the elderly *Social Work Practice in Home Health Care* provides you with insightful information on everything from staffing, recruiting, and training home health care workers to obstacles that you may encounter, such as the lack of knowledge about social workers among physicians and the public, to help you provide better services to your clients. You will discover how to improve your skills in psychosocial assessment, counseling and decision making, discharge planning, community resources, and supervision to help you adjust your practice and offer positive and effective suggestions to each individual client.