

To: All LCSWs in NYS
From: Marsha Wineburgh, President/Legislative Chair, NYSSCSW
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Your response is crucial to our future:

With the current Federal/State health care policy initiative to squeeze down out-of-benefit insurance riders (POS – point of service, etc.), inclusion of LCSW clinical services in New York's Workers' Compensation plans is critical.

We need your help. PLEASE write NOW to the Governor's office asking that A.5299-B be signed into law. This is our **workers' compensation** bill which extends to injured workers freedom of choice to select LCSWs to deliver covered clinical services for the treatment of mental, emotional and behavioral and social consequences of job-related illness, injury, disability and impairment.

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Send to : Mr. Alexander Crohn
Assistant Counsel to the Governor
Executive Chamber
New York State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Suggested points to be made: (your own words are important)

Dear Mr. Crohn:

- Urge Governor Cuomo to include Licensed Clinical Social Work psychotherapy services in the Workers' Compensation program. Sign A.5299-B into law.
- Workers' compensation health care is designed to help the injured return to work and productivity as quickly as possible.
- The stress, anxiety and depression which often accompanies pain and increased dependency due to injury makes access to mental health services critical to injured workers.
- The New York Supreme Court has determined that the scopes of practice for LCSWs and clinical psychologists (whose services are currently covered) are equivalent...this legislation merely reflects changes in the licensing laws enacted in 2002

- This bill does not add a new category of care, but expands geographically the pool of qualified providers available to treat the mental side effects of pain, helplessness and increased dependency due to injury.