

Medical Social Work

Dear Editor:

According to the Texas Department of Aging and Disabilities, approximately 28% of the state's population is considered to be members of the Baby-Boomer Generation. With the anticipated retirement of these "boomers", there is a great need for qualified, licensed medical social workers. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has predicted a 16 percent to 22 percent growth in the need for social workers in the next decade. Medical social workers are professionals who work with the special needs of patients and families in hospitals, long-term care facilities, hospice and palliative care, outpatient offices, rehabilitation programs and other health settings.

Social workers are the "Bootstraps of Texas!" By helping our older citizens live with dignity and as independently as possible, they make our communities a better place to live for all of us. Please honor their service by compensating them fairly and recognizing their contributions.

Thank a social worker today!

Sincerely,