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Research Demonstrating the Value of Social Work in Health Care March 2010

The following research citations demonstrate the value of social work in health care. The Research Working Group of OASW's Health Care Advisory Group will continue to review existing research on this significant topic, and plans to identify areas for new research. An important objective is to identify the role of social work within the context of the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) using the World Health Organization's definition of "health"¹, and how the SDOH are integrated into practice to support client outcomes.

Citations:

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The above citations represent a preliminary sampling, and we invite social workers to forward to info@oasw.org other research citations published since 2000 that highlight the value of social work in health care. Thank you!

¹ "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." Preamble to the Constitution of the World Health Organization, 1948.