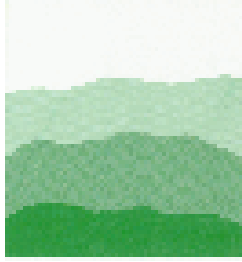


Obtaining Social Security Disability Income (SSDI): An Overview for Health Care Professionals

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Register today @ www.berkshireahec.org



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**Sweet Brook Rehabilitation
& Nursing Center**

Location: Sweet Brook, Cold Spring Road, Williamstown, MA

Registration/Continental Breakfast: 8:00 am – 8:30 am

Program: 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Credits/Clock/Contact Hours: 2 Nursing, SW, NHA, Substance Abuse Counselors, LMHC

Fee: \$30 if paid by Wednesday, September 2, 2015

Fee includes continental breakfast, course materials and a certificate of completion.

Walk In Fee: \$35, if paid after Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

General Public (GP) Fee: \$15 and **pre-registration is required**

GP fee does not include a certificate of completion

Program Goal: The purpose of this workshop is to educate the participants about the SSA Application and Appeals processes.

Target Audience: This workshop is designed for health and human service professionals of all levels working with their clients to assist them in navigating the SSDI application and appeals process.

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the program, the participants will be able to:

- 1) Discuss the SSA 5 Step Process;
- 2) Describe the 3 levels of Appeal;
- 3) Recognize what makes a good SSDI candidate;
- 4) Recognize Disability Transition Services (DTS) as a resource.

Accreditation/Approval Information

Successful Completion Requirements: Participants are expected to sign-in and out, attend the entire program, and complete an evaluation. Certificates will be distributed to participants at the end of the program.

Nurses: Berkshire AHEC is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Association Massachusetts, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Social Workers: Application for social work continuing education credits has been submitted to the Collaborative of NASW and the Boston College and Simmons Schools of Social Work.

Nursing Home Administrators: Berkshire AHEC is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Nursing Home administrators to provide education credits for nursing home administrators.

Substance Abuse Counselors: Berkshire AHEC, provider #762, is an approved education provider of the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC). Attendees earn continuing education credits for this course.

LMHC: Berkshire AHEC has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 5585. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. Berkshire AHEC is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

Special Requests: If you are hearing impaired, or are a person who is differently abled who requires accommodations, please contact Berkshire AHEC 15 days prior to the training.

Refunds We offer partial refunds if you must cancel your registration. If you cancel two weeks or more prior to the event: 70% refund; if you cancel less than two weeks before the event: 50% refund. Please Note: *For cancellation within 24 hours of the event, a refund is NOT offered but you may send someone in your place to attend the training.*

Cancellation: Berkshire AHEC reserves the right to cancel a program due to low registration, speaker illness, cancellation or other uncontrollable circumstances. Notice of cancellation will be provided to registrants by phone, as soon as Berkshire AHEC becomes aware of the need to cancel and will also be recorded on the agency website and telephone message. After a program has been cancelled, refunds will be issued within 14 days.

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For More Information:

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