

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

about coverage of social work fees

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***Social workers** are the largest group of professionals providing counselling and psychotherapy in North America.*

***Counselling and psychotherapy** services provided by social workers are sometimes excluded from coverage in group benefits plans and private health plans.*

*Some group benefit plans do not cover social work services **because no one has asked for inclusion of this benefit.***

## What you can do to help:

*If you work in a **unionized setting**, ask your union representative to add social work to the list of professional services included in the group benefits plan during the next contract negotiations.*

*If you work in a **non-unionized setting**, ask your employer or human resources department to add social work to the list of professional services included in the group benefits plan.*

*If you have a **private health plan**, ask about adding coverage of social work services to your plan. **Social work services should be a benefit in all private health plans.***

### **For more information:**

Speak to your social worker  
or contact  
The Ontario Association  
of Social Workers  
[www.oasw.org](http://www.oasw.org)

