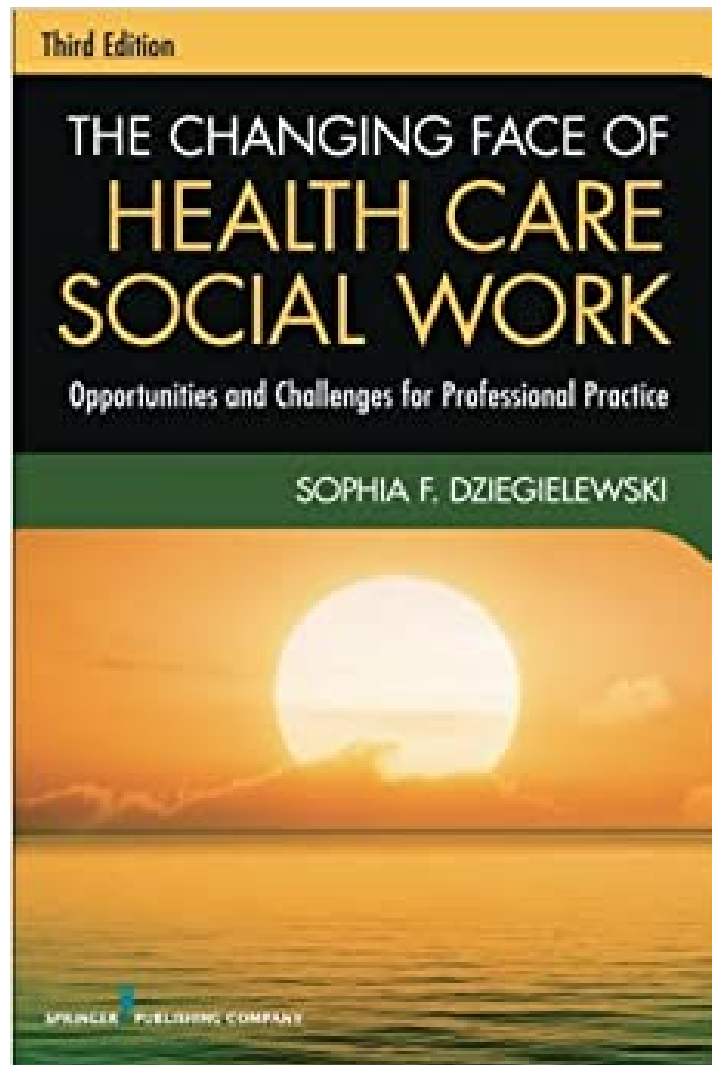


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Synopsis

This third edition of a best-selling social work text reflects the dramatic changes that have taken place in our health care environment since the second edition was published in 2004 and will likely continue to take place. It is a practical guide for social workers who must navigate our complex health care environment and accept new challenges while adapting to continual change. The book encompasses many facets of professional health care social work within the U.S. health care system, across key health care settings and with numerous different patient populations. The book is also a call to action for social workers, who today must not only be therapeutically effective but must be professionally competitive with other health care providers that claim similar treatment strategies and techniques. Permeating the third edition is a strong emphasis on the importance of developing best practices that are evidence-based, supportive, and ethically accountable while remaining time-limited and cost-effective. Each chapter contains a Glossary, Questions for Further Study, and a list of relevant websites. At the end of each chapter, a "Future Directions" section helps social workers understand what to expect and how to prepare for changes in order to practice successfully. This third edition additionally encompasses updated professional profiles for diverse arenas of practice and is accompanied by an Instructor's Manual that provides a test bank, activities designed to enhance learning, and a sample syllabus. Completely new or updated sections examine: Mental health parity Changes in billing Evidence-based practice strategy Electronic record keeping and other advances in health technology Information related to the DSM-5 Protecting yourself legally in your documentation Protecting the privacy of the client Supervision in the health care setting The importance of teamwork and collaboration Social work in the military and VA settings Safety planning

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