MEMORANDUM

TO: All Kentucky Social Work Licensees
FROM: Florence Huffman, Executive Director
DATE: September 19, 2017
RE: KENTUCKY SOCIAL WORK ETHICS IS REQUIRED FOR RENEWAL

In our continuing efforts to provide clear direction on license renewal, this notice is to alert all licensees that the Kentucky social work ethics course required to renew your license must:

1. Have a KBSW-Ethics Approval No. on the certificate of attendance;
2. Be approved by the Kentucky Board of Social Work;
3. Be on the Kentucky Code of Ethical Conduct, codified at 201 KAR 23:080;
4. Be a board approved three (3) hour course; and
5. Be taken each renewal period.

In the recent amendment to the regulation, the board approved the Kentucky ethics course to be presented and completed online – the Kentucky ethics course may be taken online if and only if: see 1-4 above.

Click here for access to bsw.ky.gov and Board Approved Courses

Click here to read the regulation, 201 KAR 23:075

Remember:
1. Unless otherwise exempted, practicing social work without a license is illegal and prohibited in Kentucky by KRS 335.030, and may result in disciplinary action by the board.
2. There is no “grace period.”
3. If you don’t take an approved Kentucky ethics course by the date of your renewal:
   - You must stop practicing immediately (cease & desist),
   - Pay a late penalty fee, and
   - Reapply through the reinstatement process.