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Phantoms of Home Care: Medicare's Designed Neglect of Persons with Alzheimer's Disease (AD)

Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) Presents Second Lecture
in Their Fall Scholarly Lecture Series on November 8, 2010

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) will present a scholarly research lecture entitled "Phantoms of Home Care: Medicare's designed Neglect of Persons with Alzheimer's disease (AD)" by Assistant Professor of Social Work, Dr. William Cabin, on **Monday, November 8, 2010** from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in F-Wing, Room F-111.

Alzheimer's disease is a major and growing national and international problem, imposing physical, mental, emotional and financial burdens on caregivers, care recipients, insurers and government. Over 70% of all American AD persons are cared for at home by family or friends, often without any formal government or private insurance coverage.

The presentation presents the results of an extensive literature review and a qualitative study of 72 home care nurses and social workers. The literature review documents the lack of effective AD pharmacological interventions; the existence of multiple evidence-based psychosocial interventions; and Medicare home care's failure to cover the evidence-based interventions. The study documents factors affecting Medicare home care social worker and nurse decisions on what, if any, care to give persons with AD. The respondents overwhelmingly indicated that the Medicare home health benefit constricts their ability to meet AD clients and caregivers' needs, leaving significant unmet needs. Coping strategies of nurses and social workers are discussed as well as future policy, practice and research implications.

Social Work CE credit is available and ULTRA credit is available to all students. For more information, contact Dr. Lisa Cox, SCOSA research chair, at 609-652-4310. # # #