

## Specialty Practice Sections

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The Specialty Practice Sections (SPS) were developed by NASW to better respond to its membership's specialized practice interests and growing diversity. **The SPS Alternate's membership must be active throughout their term. You may be required to read, sign, and submit the NASW Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement.**

Each Section is appointed a five-member committee that advises on topics of interest and relevancy to social work practitioners and up to three alternates committee members per each Section. To that end, the Sections' alternate committee members:

- If a committee member is unable to finish his or her term for any reason an alternate will be appointed to fill the vacant seat committee seat. *Alternate must be willing to fill a committee seat as soon as there is a vacancy. Note, your term as an Alternate may end abruptly so that you can serve on the SPS committee member instead.*
- Alternates will assume various roles within the online communities helping to generate dialogue, post information and engage in chats with the different discussion groups along with other duties to be determined.
- Contributes to deciding on the theme for the InterSections in Practice, annual bulletin.
- May serve as content/subject matter experts for practice standards, policies, and continuing education resources and media commentaries.
- May be asked to generate interest in and participate in Sections' Twitter Chats.
- Occasionally serves as content providers for Sections news and information including writing or soliciting articles for the newsletters on a variety of different topics related to social work and social work practice.
- May serve as a resource for policy issues such as legislative testimony and regulatory comments.