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"Social Work with the Aged and Their Families provides a model (FAM) for conducting a biopsychosocial and spiritual assessment of an older adult within a family systems perspective. It remains one of the few if not the only books available for clinical social workers interested in direct practice with families of later years." Robyn L. Golden, LCSW, Rush University Medical Center Directed to the geriatric social work field, this volume offers a holistic and systematic approach to biopsychosocial problems of the aging process. Of special interest to social workers needing a comprehensive introduction to the geriatric field, it could also serve as a textbook because of its background overview of each of the areas it addresses. Family Relations

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