

PHYSICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for performance of professional work calling for the services of a licensed physician. Employees in this class perform medical services of a general or specialized nature. Work is outlined and reports are reviewed by the appropriate authority but methods of execution are left to the discretion of the physician. Supervision may be exercised over the work of nursing or other auxiliary personnel. Generally, positions of Physician in municipal government are restricted to a limited number of tasks based on assignments.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: *The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.*

Examines, makes diagnoses and provides treatment for institutional or clinical patients;

Provides professional medical care for recipients of public assistance;

Examines and treats children in foster homes;

Authorizes hospitalization, consultation with specialists, laboratory work, nursing care and other specialized treatment;

Makes periodic examinations of school children to detect presence of contagious diseases and physical defects and advises parents regarding the correction of such defects;

Examines applicants for municipal government employment;

Supervises and administers inoculation programs;

Takes specimens for necessary tests;

Examines blood donors;

Prepares reports of examinations made;

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Supervises and teaches medical residents and students concerning public health medical problems of disease;

Supervises and signs patient charts for nursing and support staff;

Plans clinic services;

Authorizes hospitalization, consultation with other specialists, laboratory work, the administration of drugs, nursing care, and other medically accepted treatment;

Follows up patient programs while in and out of clinics or hospitals;

Refers patients to various government facilities where indicated;

Makes available medical information useful to supporting medical, laboratory, psychiatric or social services staff in diagnosing and meeting the needs of patients;

May conduct classes or seminars in the training of personnel;

Supervises the compilation of periodic medical reports;

Prepares a variety of records and reports related to the work.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARAC-

TERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of public health medicine; ability to get along well with others; interest in maintaining a high standard of professional ethics; good motor, hand and eye coordination; and sound professional judgment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a current valid license to practice medicine in New York State and two (2) years of experience as a practicing physician.

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