

PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPIST

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional position involving responsibility for evaluating, planning and providing physical therapy treatment to patients/clients in accordance with written prescription or referral from a physician who provides medical direction. The Physical Therapist is responsible for providing Physical Therapy to Certified Home Health Agency patients, Long Term patients and Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education children authorized to receive these services. Work is performed under general direction of the Director of Patient Services and/or a Supervising Public Health Nurse with wide leeway for independently performing most job duties. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Physical Therapy Assistants, Physical Therapy Aides and clerical employees assigned to the service.

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.*

Evaluates the degree of function and disability of patients unless contraindicated by his/her professional judgment or a doctor's admission notes;

Performs physical therapy procedures upon the written order or referral of a licensed physician;

Participates with other personnel in the formulation of patients' total care plans; EI children's IFSPs or Preschool Special Education children's IEPs

Participates in the selection of personnel in the formulation of patients' total care plans;

Participates in the selection of personnel in the physical therapy service, assigns their duties and provides supervision;

Develops or assists in the development of physical therapy policies and procedures;

Confers periodically with the Director of Patient Services and/or a Supervising Public Health Nurse and physicians regarding all facets of patient care and related activities;

Assists in the development of, instructs and participates in the facility in-service education program;

Records on patients' EMR (electronic medical record) all physical therapy evaluations, re-evaluations, progress notes, consultation and discharge summaries;

Maintains program records including but not limited to the service budget and statistical reports of the frequency and types of treatment and number of patients/clients treated.

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

TERISTICS: Good knowledge of the principles, techniques and practices of physical therapy; good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in physical therapy; good knowledge of pathological conditions and socio-economic factors affecting a patient's/clients disabilities; working knowledge of community resources applicable to physical therapy; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to get along well with others; proficient in use of electronic documentations systems..

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Licensed and currently registered by the New York State Education Department as a Physical Therapist. Experience providing services to both adults and children preferred.

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