

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The work involves responsibility for physical therapy casework in a program designed to meet the needs of individuals referred to the program. The incumbent evaluates, plans and provides physical therapy treatment to patients in accordance with a referral from a physician or other health provider. Progress is discussed with the program coordinator, physicians and other health care professionals. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level administrator, doctor, or program coordinator. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Performs initial screening, evaluation and consultation for patients referred to the program;
- Develops goals, treatment objectives and therapeutic activities and tasks to be incorporated into the patient's individualized treatment plan;
- Implements physical therapy or oversees activities implemented by therapy assistants or other staff providing guidance as necessary;
- Maintains written case notes and other documentation as required by state law or local regulations;
- Attends and participates in staff conferences on patient needs and progress;
- Meets with physicians and other staff to coordinate physical therapy treatment, review patient progress and adjust goals and activities as necessary;
- Develops home based programs where appropriate;
- Assesses and makes recommendations regarding adaptive and orthotic equipment needs and monitors equipment status;
- Maintains daily time sheets and Medicaid or Medicare or other insurance statistic sheets as appropriate.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Good knowledge of the methods, procedures and objectives of physical therapy;
- Good knowledge of physical therapy equipment and apparatus;
- Good knowledge of pathological conditions and socio-economic factors affecting a patient's disabilities;
- Working knowledge of the terminology and practices of modern social casework;
- Ability to organize and maintain accurate records and files;
- Ability to understand and interpret complex oral instructions and/or written directions;
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others;
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing;
- Ability to deal effectively with the public;
- Ability to understand and empathize with the needs and concerns of others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Licensed and currently registered by the New York State Education Department as a Physical Therapist.

10/20/1981

07/17/2009

CLASS: COMPETITIVE