

JAIL PHYSICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for providing medical services and advice related to the provisions of county jail inmate health services. The incumbent evaluates jail medical services and has overall responsibility for the inmate medical care and advises regarding protocols, policies and procedures, and consults with primary physicians and other practitioners including mental health and public health providing direct services or referrals. The work is performed under general supervision of a higher-level jail administrator with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the medical care and health care work. Does related work as required by the Sheriff.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Provides physician support for medical activities performed in the County Jail and provides on-call consult and coverage for medical issues related to inmate population;

Signs inmate patient specific and standing orders;

Authorizes that services required are in accordance with regulations;

Collaborates with, advises, trains and oversees the work of subordinate staff in accordance written practice agreements and written practice protocols;

Monitors and evaluates disease statistics and trends;

Confers with local officials regarding public health problems that may be applicable to the inmate population;

Participates in regional and local professional meetings and conferences to keep abreast of changing laws and rules;

Meets with when required the NYS Commission of Corrections medical staff and or Sheriff or his administration; accessible for facility emergency decisions should this occur;

Provide an evaluation and recommend treatment on all new admissions consistent with NYS Commission of Corrections standards including those on medications, as well as ordering what is clinically needed for institutional patients;

Authorize inmate hospitalization, consultation with specialist, laboratory work, nursing care, and other specialized treatment on inmates including, but not limited to recommendations of surgical operations when required.

Periodically perform examinations to detect the presence of contagious diseases, or the presence of physical or mental illness;

May prescribe or approve special diets;

Prepare reports to document examinations, treatments and orders made;

Approve all hospital discharges and Emergency Department (ED) returns before they return to the facility;

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Approve all jail policies and procedures regarding the operation of medical services; meet with hospital, mental health and other community services as needed, to assure inter- agency cooperation;

Recommend outside consultants when clinically needed and approve recommended plans of treatment where clinically appropriate; recommend appropriate facility placement, with guidance of jail administration, and of inmates who have a specific medical or mental need;

Will complete evaluations of any incidents involving medical care and chair a review of inmate deaths that occur while an inmate is in the custody of Yates County Sheriff's jail, personnel, or in transport;

May have to order or approve Hospital Emergency Department evaluations during off hours that are urgent in nature;

Initiate inmates discharge plans as needed;

Shall serve as consultant and review of Sheriff's AED program.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Comprehensive knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of medicine and public health; thorough knowledge of medical terminology; good knowledge of federal, state and local public health and education laws and regulations; ability to plan, coordinate and supervise the services provided under the programs; ability to understand and interpret complex oral instructions and/or written directions; ability to organize and maintain accurate records and files; ability to analyze and organize data and prepare records and reports; ability to evaluate program effectiveness and recommend changes for improvement; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to understand and empathize with the needs and concerns of others; ability to exercise oversight of medical support staff; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a valid license and current registration to practice medicine in the State of New York and one year of experience as a licensed physician.

Jurisdiction Class:	Non-Competitive
Civil Division:	County
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