

## 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. Performs other duties as assigned.

### 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.  
Performs other duties as assigned.

### 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.

Jurisdiction Class:	Competitive
Civil Division:	ALL
Adoption YCCSC:	3/21/1974
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