

## **JOB DESCRIPTION: PHYSICAL THERAPIST**



### **Job Summary:**

The physical therapist is a qualified professional person who directs, supervises, evaluates, and provides physical therapy services to patients in the home as prescribed by the attending physician.

### **Qualifications: (preferred unless required by law)**

Graduate of a school of physical therapy approved by:

- The state department of higher education
- The American Physical Therapy Association; or
- The Council of Medical Education of the AMA in collaboration with the Physical Therapy Association; or
- The Council on Medical Education of Hospitals for the AMA
- Licensed or registered by the state
- Preference of at least one year of institutional experience

### **Responsibilities:**

- Assists the physician in evaluating patients by applying diagnostic and prognostic muscle, nerve, joint, and functional ability tests
- Treats patients to relieve pain and/or develop or restore function to maintain maximum performance.
- Makes arrangements for outpatient services which cannot be given in the home
- Records and reports to the physician the patient's reaction to treatment and/or any changes in the patient's condition.
- Educates patients and their families in the use of prosthetic, orthotic, and assistive devices (canes, walkers, wheelchairs, etc.)
- Attends physical therapy staff meetings and in-service presentations
- Attends case conferences and in-service programs as indicated.
- Supervises the physical therapy assistant as indicated.
- Prepares an assessment of the patient's condition and periodic evaluations and summaries, develops a plan of care and problem list, and writes clinical/progress notes on the date of the visit and incorporates same in the patient's record no less than weekly
- Participates in the developments and periodic revision of the physician's plan of treatment.
- Communicates effectively with those providing care.
- Confirms, on a weekly basis, the scheduling of visits with the DCS/case manager to coordinate necessary visits with other personnel.
- Notifies office staff and supervisor of absences due to illness, emergency leave, normal vacation periods, or special professional meetings, which will affect agreed services with the company.

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**Special Requirements:**

Must have a car with required insurance coverage and a State driver's license.

**Functional Abilities:**

- Must be able to read 12 point type or larger.
- Must be able to hear and speak in a manner understood by most people.
- Must be able to stoop and bend.
- Must be able to lift and carry effectively so as to be able to perform the above-listed functions.
- Must be able to travel to prospective patients' residences.

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_