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: ________________