

JOB DESCRIPTION: SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

Job Summary:

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

Qualifications: (Preferred unless required by law)

- The speech pathologist/audiologist is a member of the American Speech and Hearing Association and certified by the Association.
- Meet the educational and experience requirements for a Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) in speech pathology or audiology granted by the American Speech and Hearing Association.
- At least a master's degree is required and one (1) full year of supervised work experience.
- If required, licensure or certification by the state.

Responsibilities:

- Evaluates patient's speech and language abilities, both defects and assets, and performs periodic re-evaluations.
- Plans and provides rehabilitative services for speech and language disorders.
- Records type of treatment and patient's reaction to it on clinical/progress notes, which are written on the day of the visit and incorporated in the patient's record weekly.
- Maintains adequate records on all patients, including summary reports.
- Utilizes community resources and Agency personnel by proper referral.
- Selects and administers diagnostic and therapeutic techniques and materials.
- Instructs and counsels other health team personnel and family members in methods of assisting patient in improving, correcting, and accepting his disabilities.
- Attends paramedical service meetings and combined paramedical and nursing service meetings.
- Attends case conferences.
- Participates in the development and periodic revision of the physician's plan of treatment.
- Communicates effectively with all 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 Agency of absences due to illness, emergency leave, normal vacation periods, or special professional meetings, which will affect agreed services with the Agency.

Special Requirements:

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

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Functional Abilities:

- Must be able to read 12-point or larger type.
- Must be able to hear and speak in a manner understood by most people.
- Must be able to travel to prospective patients' residence.

Employee Name: _____

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____