

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT I

NATURE AND VARIETY OF WORK

This is entry level professional work performing delegated medical procedures under the direction of a licensed physician and in compliance with laws, policies and regulations. Incumbents work under close supervision assisting in addressing the health care needs of target populations (e.g., infants, youth, adults, seniors) and may expose the incumbent to infectious/contagious diseases. Work is performed within the framework of established public health standards, medical protocols and departmental policies and procedures. Work performance is evaluated through observation, records review and case conferences.

Upon satisfactory completion of a one (1) year probationary period entry-level incumbents may be non-competitively promoted to the II full-performance level at management's discretion.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

Assesses patient condition by reviewing and obtaining pertinent medical history data such as the onset, nature, and duration of symptoms, and sexual contacts.

Performs physical examination including obtaining blood and other specimens for laboratory testing.

Develops medical diagnoses and appropriate patient treatment plans as authorized by the supervising physician.

Implements patient treatment plans by administering and prescribing medications.

Counsels patients on treatment procedures.

Makes referrals to other medical specialists.

Performs follow up or consultation on treatment as necessary.

Documents patient progress and consults with supervising physician if the patient manifests any adverse reactions or undiagnosed medical problems.

Performs clinical procedures such as intradermal tests, care and suturing of minor

lacerations, casting and splinting, control of external hemorrhage and administering medications.

Initiates care in emergency situations such as cardiac arrest, respiratory distress, and traumas.

Makes entries on a variety of documents (e.g., charts, reports, forms, files, etc.).

Provides general and specific information to callers/patients/clients.

Willingly and cooperatively performs tasks and duties which may not be specifically listed in the class specification or position description, but which are within the general occupation category and responsibility level typically associated with the employee's class of work.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, and bacteriology.

Skill in taking complete, detailed and accurate patient histories.

Skill in reviewing patient records to develop comprehensive medical status reports.

Skill in performing physical examinations and recording pertinent data.

Skill in interpreting and evaluating patient data as authorized by supervising physician for the purpose of determining management and treatment of patients.

Skill in initiating requests for or performing diagnostic procedures as indicated by patient data and as authorized by supervising physician.

Ability to follow a physician's instructions with accuracy and care.

Ability to practice within the parameters in the agreement signed with the physician preceptor.

Ability to record information on medical records in an accurate and retrievable manner.

Ability to establish and maintain rapport with patients, clients and professional and non-professional care workers.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

4467 - Physician Assistant I

Education determined by the Maryland State Board of Physician Quality Assurance under the certification requirements for Physician Assistant.

Possession of a current certificate as a Physician Assistant from the Maryland State Board of Physician Quality Assurance.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Possession of a valid license to operate a motor vehicle when required for the performance of job-related duties at time of appointment.

Possession of a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate at time of appointment.

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