

## **PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTION**

**DEPARTMENT:** Clinical  
**REPORTS TO:** Physical Therapist  
Director of Rehab

### **POSITION PURPOSE:**

To assist in providing appropriate aspects of quality patient care under the supervision of licensed therapists.

### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Implements and executes on established patient treatment plan under the supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist.
- Communicates with patient, families, referring physicians and other members of the team.
- Provides timely written documentation per facility and department requirements.
- Develops and enhances clinical and professional skills through knowledge and professional associations.
- Communicates with patient, families and other clinical staff of treatment variations.
- Provides timely written documentation as required by insurance provider to meet licensing, certification, regulatory, reimbursement requirements and physician treatment plan.
- Supports and participates in department operations and development.
- Reports any changes in patient status or needs to supervising therapist on a timely basis.

### **ASSOCIATED RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Prepares and submits patient charges accurately to provide appropriate billing information.
- Meets or exceeds the productivity standards as established with Supervisor.
- Uses professional judgment to ensure safety of self, patients and others at all times.
- Achieves quality patient care through interdisciplinary communication.
- Attends required meetings as designed by the Director of Rehab
- Effectively communicates with therapists concerning patients' response to treatment plan.
- Provides constructive feedback to rehab aides.
- Attends in-services, training sessions or other educational presentations.
- Coordinates treatment goals with other team members.
- Maintains valid licensure, certification or equivalent as requested by appropriate state agency.
- Maintains awareness of patient and community needs, conditions, and programs.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Graduate of an approved Physical Therapy Assistant curriculum.
- Is able to practice unencumbered.
- Is in good standing with all regulatory agencies and licensing boards.
- Working knowledge of Medicare and other payer sources.
- Full knowledge of resident's rights.
- Exudes professionalism in presentation.
- Ability to multitask.
- Must be able to read, write, speak, understand and communicate in the English language.
- CPR certification.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must be able to move intermittently throughout the workday.
- Must be able to lift up and over 100 pounds with assistance according to the resident's abilities.
- Must be able to sit for extended periods of time and walk for extended periods of time.
- Must be able to reach assigned destination in a reasonable time frame.
- Must be able to bend, squat, push, stoop, and pull as needed especially in fulfilling patient care activities.
- Must be able to meet the general health requirements set forth by the policies of this facility, including physical examination.