



Job Title: Physical Therapy Assistant	Classification: Per Diem and Full-Time # Hrs. Wkly: varied and 40
Reports to: Area Manager / Home Health Operations	Date: 6/14 Updated: 3/17

Position Overview:

Carries out treatment, implementation and documentation of client status for home health clients under the direction of the registered physical therapist.

Principal Duties:

- Implements physical therapy services in accordance with the plan of treatment developed by the Physical Therapist.
- Observes, records and reports the client's reaction to treatment and any changes in the client's condition to the Physical Therapist and/or Area Manager.
- Collaborates with the Physical Therapist in assisting the in assessing the client's functional level by applying appropriate tests. Assists in the development and revision of the plan of care.
- Treats clients to relieve pain, develop and restore function and maintain maximum performance using appropriate physical therapy treatments, modalities and procedures as stated in the physical therapy plan of care.
- Observes, records and reports the client's reaction to treatment and any change in the client's condition to the physician and/or Physical Therapist / Area Manager.
- Instructs and advises clients, family and other health team personnel including, when appropriate, home health aides, in certain phases of physical therapy in which they may assist the client; also instructs all of the above in the use of prosthetic and orthotic devices and durable medical equipment, if appropriate.
- Completed clinical notes and progress reports according to agency policy and time frames.
- Assists client care conferences. Initiates client care conferences for complex and/or multidisciplinary clients when needed or helpful to ensure good coordination of care.
- Develops, prepares, and maintains individualized client care progress records with accuracy, timeliness and according to policies.
- Keeps abreast of therapy trends and knowledge. Participates in inservice programs.
- Participates in the agency's quality improvement program.



Qualifications and Skills:

- Licensed as a physical therapy assistant by the state.
- Demonstrated knowledge and skills necessary to provide care to and communicate with primarily the geriatric population.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the principles of growth and development over the life span.
- Able to assess data reflecting the client's status and interpret the appropriate information needed to identify each client's requirements relative to their age-specific needs.

Physical Demands/Environment:

- Must be able to adapt to the client's status and needs.
- Occasional schedule changes due to the client's condition and/or new clients.
- Safety hazards include possible infection from clients, unsafe neighborhoods.