



JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: Registered Nurse

Report to: Supervisor of Assisted Living Services

Overview:

- The Registered Nurse is assigned the primary responsibility for the coordination of client care in compliance with the Nurse Practice Act and within standards of clinical practice as defined by the American Nurses Association and the policies and procedures of the agency and all disciplines involved in that care. In addition, maintenance of all documentation pertinent to the client's service record is required. The nurse works under the direction and guidance of the Supervisor of Assisted Living Services. A Registered Nurse with the qualifications noted in this description may be designated in writing to act during any absence of the Supervisor of Assisted Living Services or may be designated as a nurse on call.

Qualifications:

- Must be a Registered Nurse licensed in the State of Connecticut, or a graduate nurse.
- Must possess good organizational and decision making skills.
- Knowledge of related State, Medicare, and OSHA regulations is desired.

Responsibilities:

- Accept clients assigned by the Supervisor of Assisted Living Services and conference with the same regarding client/family needs, service plans, and goals.
- Provide client teaching, wellness counseling, health promotion, and disease prevention.
- Implement and coordinate services for the client including admission to service for those clients whose conditions are chronic and stable.
- Develop client service program and instructions for assisted living aide services.
- Perform ongoing assessments of client status, effectiveness of intervention, and the ability to meet goals/outcomes as often as necessary, at least every one hundred and twenty (120) days.
- Generate referrals to other professionals as needed including a referral to a licensed home health agency if the client's condition is no longer chronic and stable.
- Coordinate services with the client/family and others involved in the client service program.
- Obtain orders for any necessary changes to service plan including medications.

- Provide client/family with necessary education/information.
- Plans for clients who shall no longer receive or require the services of the assisted living agency.
- Administers medication under the written order of a physician or health care practitioner with applicable statutory authority.
- Prepours medication for clients who are able to self administer medications under the written order of a physician or health care practitioner with applicable statutory authority.
- For clients who require only supervision of self administration, the nurse verifies the medication regimen with the physician or health care practitioner and documents the medication regime in the client's record.
- Performs or provides for supervision, teaching, and orientation of assisted living aides.
- Participates in written performance evaluations, orientations, teaching, and supervision of nurses and other ancillary team members as directed by the supervisor of assisted living services.
- Performs other duties as requested by the supervisor.
- Verifies verbal or written orders from the physician or health care practitioner with applicable statutory authority as needed and at least every one hundred twenty (120) days.
- Maintain the client's service record according to agency policy.
- Assumes the responsibility to maintain and upgrade professional knowledge and skills through continuing education materials and programs.
- Ensures availability of nursing services on a twenty four (24) hour basis, as needed.

Functional Abilities:

- Visual / hearing ability sufficient to comprehend written and verbal communication.
- Ability to verbalize so the average person can comprehend.
- Must be able to handle stress and remain calm under pressure.

Work Environment:

- Various settings.

Occupational exposure:

- Category 1: This agency has determined that this job has duties or responsibilities to perform tasks and procedures where occupational exposure occurs.