

Job Description for Occupational Therapist

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Reports To

Director of Home Health

Job Summary

The Occupational Therapist is a qualified professional person who directs, supervises, evaluates and provides occupational therapy services to patients in the home as prescribed by the attending physician.

Duties

- 1. Providing treatment as ordered by the attending physician
- 2. Evaluates and establishes goals based on the patient's current level of functioning and potential for improvement and perform re-evaluations as indicated
- 3. Guides and instructs the patient in prescribed therapeutic, self-care, and creative activities that are directed toward improving independence and physical and mental functioning
- 4. Establishes household management routines
- 5. Records and reports to the physician the patient's reaction to the therapy program or any changes in the patient's condition through periodic written summaries
- 6. Instructs patients and their families in the use of prosthetic, orthotic, and assistive devices (canes, walker, wheelchairs, etc.)
- 7. Advising, consulting and, when appropriate, instructs the family in the patient's total occupational therapy program
- 8. Instructs other health tem personnel in the care of patients regarding occupational therapy
- 9. Attends paramedical service meetings and combined paramedical and nursing service meetings
- 10. Prepares clinical/progress notes on the day of the visit which are incorporated in the clinical record weekly
- 11. Participates in staff development activities and in-service education
- 12. Attends case conferences
- 13. Supervises the occupational therapy assistant, as indicated

Qualifications

1. Graduate of a occupational therapy school approved by the Council of Medical Education of the A.M.A. in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Association or its equivalent

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- 2. Registered by the American Occupational Therapy Association
- 3. Has at least one (1) year of institutional experience
- 4. Licensed and/or registered by the state
- 5. Reliable means of transportation
- 6. A valid California Driver's License and a clean Department of Motor vehicle record
- 7. Automobile insurance = \$100,000 combined single limit (CSL) underlying auto or \$100,000/\$100,000/\$50,000 split limits

Lifting Requirements

Heavy: Frequent lifting, not more than 100 pounds (With Help) and / or carrying objects weighing up to 50 pounds.