



MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER

The Medical Social Worker is a qualified professional person who provides medical social services to clients in the home with the physician's orders and under the supervision of the Director of Nursing or appropriate supervisor.

Qualifications

- MSW graduate of an accredited Council on Social Work Education School of Social Work
- At least one (1) years' experience in a medical setting (hospital, clinic, rehabilitation center, etc.) using an interprofessional team approach for treatment
- Pennsylvania LSW or LCSW

Responsibilities

- Completes initial evaluation of referred patients to create the psychosocial support plan that addresses patient's social, mental and environmental conditions.

Provides rehabilitative and supportive casework geared to restoring clients to their optimum level of social and health adjustment within their residential setting. This includes assisting clients and their families to negotiate, understand, accept and follow medical recommendations.

- Helps clients utilize the resources of their families and the community to maintain optimal independence. This may be accomplished by working with their natural helping networks, referring the clients to resources, and/or acting as an intermediary on behalf of the clients in their dealings with other health and welfare agencies.
- Assists clients and their families with personal and environmental difficulties, which increase risk of illness or interfere with obtaining maximum benefits from medical care. These range from counseling clients and family members to assisting with application for support services or transition to more appropriate levels of care.
- Consults with the physician and other members of the health team for the purpose of assisting them to understand significant social, emotional and environmental factors related to the client's health problems.
- Prepares clinical/progress notes on the day of the visit and incorporates same in the clinical record weekly; provides summaries and re-evaluations if indicated.
- Attends case conferences.

- Participates in staff development activities and in-service education.
- Assists in the development and revision of the physician's plan of treatment.
- Supervises the Social Work Assistant as indicated.
- Participates in discharge planning and in-service programs; completes the MSW discharge within the framework of Agency policy.
- Serves as a resource to all members of the interdisciplinary team.
- Communicates effectively with all providing care.
- Confirms, on a weekly basis, the scheduling of visits with the DON to coordinate necessary visits with other personnel.
- Notifies Agency of absences due to illness, emergency leave, planned vacations, or special professional meetings that will affect agreed services with the Agency.

Organizational Relationship

- Reports to Clinical Nurse Manager

Special Requirements

- Must have a car with required insurance coverage and a state driver's license or reliable transportation

Functional Abilities

- Able to communicate verbally and in writing to the extent required by the position
- Able to physically perform the duties required by the position
- Able to travel to prospective clients' residences