JOB TITLE: ALS Social Worker (2 openings)  
REPORTS TO: Director of Care Services  
STATUS: Independent contractor – work from home  
WORK REGION: North and South Western PA

GOAL:
The ALS Association Western PA Chapter is seeking two part time social workers to help fulfill the mission of the organization which is to "discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest."

The chapter's guiding principle is that people living with ALS and their families come first in everything that we do. We fulfill our mission by providing direct programs and services to those living with ALS and their families. The candidates should have an MSW or a minimum of 3-5 years of experience with chronic disease management, disability, rehabilitation, end-of-life, and hospice care.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF AN ALS SOCIAL WORKER:
1. Psychosocial assessments of ALS patients and family needs through home visits.
2. Providing information and referral about insurance, care providers, social service agencies and other community and government resources.
3. Providing telephone consultation and follow-up as needed.
4. Coordinating and arranging supportive services to patients, families, and caregivers, such as equipment needs, respite care, home modifications etc.
5. Maintains patient and family records for Chapter files and maintains accurate documentation and case notes in DonorPro and patient files.
6. Offers professional opinions or recommendations to the Director of Care Services concerning current or future Care Services Programs.
7. Maintains updated information on ALS, specific research, patient care techniques, and new technology that may improve the quality of life for those living with ALS.
8. Acts as a representative of the Chapter, sharing chapter information with the patients and their families.
9. Participates in continuing education seminars, workshops and conferences as available and necessary. Some travel may be required.
QUALIFICATIONS:

1. MSW or 3-5 years of social work required. Experience with chronic disease management, assistive technology, end-of-life and hospice care.
2. A basic knowledge of ALS, symptom management techniques and community resources and services available for additional support to patients and their families.
3. Ability to assess both physical and psychosocial needs of ALS patients and families, based on knowledge of ALS, the disease and its ramifications.
4. Knowledge of general healthcare policies, health insurance programs, Medicare, VA benefits and the waiver program.
5. Excellent communication and listening skills.
6. Ability to use a computer effectively including specifically MS Word, MS Excel, email and database program proficiency.
7. Must have a valid Driver’s License and reliable transportation to meet service area demands in 31 counties within Western Pennsylvania. Proof of valid auto insurance required.
8. Proof of personal liability insurance required.
9. Willing to travel to within 31 counties of the Chapter service area to meet with patients, families and health care providers.
10. Commitment to The ALS Association’s mission.

NO PHONE CALLS ACCEPTED! Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume along with hourly pay expectations to:
The ALS Association, ATTN: Care Services Director, 416 Lincoln Ave., Millvale, PA 15209
Or email a resume and cover letter to: Marie@cure4als.org

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