

PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This work involves the assessment and treatment for the purposes of providing general medical care to patients of the public health agency. Information is obtained, gathered, analyzed and interpreted in order to identify, define, and treat existing or potential health related problems. The work is performed under the guidance of a physician. A Physicians Assistant does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Provides general medical care and treatment to assigned patients;
- Performs physical examinations and preventative health measures within prescribed guidelines;
- Orders, interprets, and evaluates diagnostic tests to identify and assess patients' clinical problems and health care needs;
- Recommends drugs or other forms of treatment such as physical therapy, inhalation therapy, or related therapeutic procedures;
- Records physical findings and formulates plan and prognosis based on patient's condition;
- Discusses cases with physician to assure adherence of specified practices and procedures;
- Submits health care plans and goals of individual patients for periodic review and evaluation by physician;
- May perform the diagnosis of illness and physical conditions and perform therapeutic and corrective measures within a specialty field;
- May refer patients to physician or specialized health resources for consultation and/or treatment;
- Participates in the educational activities of the community and health care agencies.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of the principles and techniques involved in the assessment and application of medical treatment and diagnostics; good knowledge of the epidemiological approach to the prevention and control of disease; good knowledge and understanding of the behavior of individuals throughout the normal lifespan; skill in the application of medical techniques; ability to instruct patients and staff in public health practices; ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with patients of various educational, economic, and cultural backgrounds; ability to operate a motor vehicle when it is required; tact; good judgment; emotional stability, initiative, and resourcefulness; physical condition sufficient to perform the essential functions of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Must possess and maintain a permit, issued by the State Of New York Education Department, to practice as a Physicians Assistant.

***Special Requirement for Appointment:* Must possess and maintain a New York State driver's license.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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