

ORANGE COUNTY CLASS SPECIFICATION

TITLE: PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT **GRADE:** 10

TITLE ABBREVIATION: PHYS THERPY ASST **TITLE NO.:** 6479

JURIS.CL: C SALARY CODE: 08 UNIT: EEO CODE: TE FLSA CODE: NE

DEPARTMENT: RESIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES **DIVISION:** _____

SUPERVISOR'S TITLE: DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for assisting with the treatment and prevention of neuromuscular or musculoskeletal disabilities by the application of direct physical therapy procedures. Work is performed in accordance with established policies and procedures and requires strict confidentiality in the maintenance of resident, facility and physician related information. The work is performed under the direction of a qualified physical therapist who evaluates the resident and develops a treatment plan. Supervision is exercised over Senior Physical Therapy Aides and Physical Therapy Aides. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Applies heat, cold, electricity, light, water treatments, massage, therapeutic exercise and training in phases of ambulation and other activities according to a physical therapist's treatment plan;
2. Observes, records, and reports residents' reactions to treatments and programs;
3. Prepares, sets up and maintains physical therapy treatment areas and equipment;
4. Provides for and observes safety precautions during all phases of treatment;
5. Confers periodically with a physical therapist regarding all facets of resident care and related activities;

6. Participates with other personnel in the formulation of the residents' total health care plans when appropriate;
7. Inventories, cleans, stores and otherwise maintains supplies and equipment;
8. Performs record keeping functions related to maintenance and execution of the physical therapy program including but not limited to progress notes, HCFA coding, accurate billing information and assistance in completion of monthly statistics.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the principles, techniques and terminology of physical therapy; good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in physical therapy; good knowledge of human anatomy and physiology; good knowledge of the concepts and scope and limitations of physical therapy; skill in observing and recording residents' responses to treatments; ability to support and lift adult residents; ability to follow oral and written instructions; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to get along well with others; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Must possess and maintain a current registration certificate as a Physical Therapist Assistant from the New York State Education Department.

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