

JOB DESCRIPTION – Registered Nurse (RN)

JOB SUMMARY:

A registered professional nurse diagnoses and treats human responses to actual or potential health problems through such services as case finding, health teaching, health counseling and provision of care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being and executing medical regimens prescribed by a licensed physician.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Has graduated from an accredited school of professional nursing.
Is currently licensed and registered in Maryland or a state with which Maryland has reciprocity.
Has at least one year's experience in a clinical setting under the supervision of a physician or registered nurse.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Performs an initial assessment of each patient's medical, psychosocial and environmental needs. Develops a written care plan for each patient based on that assessment and on consultations with physicians, family, client and other caregivers and provides the aide with that plan. Continuously evaluates patient's status and works with patient and aides to develop ways to meet his/her needs. Performs a re-assessment of patient every 60 days or as patient's condition changes, and updates care plan for aides as necessary.
Trains patients and family in the correct methods of handling various tasks and repositioning patient in the absence of caregiver. Re-trains them as necessary due to changes in the patient's medical condition.
Participates in the process of hiring new aides by performing the skills assessment to determine their competence to work with patients in their homes.
Periodically observes the aide performing his/her duties and interacting with patient in the patient's home.
Gives medications according to CarePlus policy.
Informs patient of his/her rights and responsibilities.
Participates in Quality Assurance meetings.
Adheres to agency documentation requirements.
Maintains an accurate account of medical supplies.

Reports to the Director of Nursing Services.

I have been provided with a copy of my job description and I agree to perform the responsibilities outlined to the best of my abilities. I realize that failure to do so may be grounds for termination.

Signature

Date

Name