



Physician Support Specialist

We currently have 2 openings

Job IDs: 226597 & 227057

Pay Grade: 9 | Reports To: Practice Manager

Position Summary:

A critical member of a collaborative care team, the Physician Support Specialist (PSS) performs complex secretarial duties in a fast-paced clinic setting while always demonstrating our values. The PSS provides support to provider teams and is a liaison to patients and other customers.

Work Hours:

Must be able to perform rotating shifts: 8:00am–4:30pm, 8:30am–5:00pm

The closing shift (8:30am–5:00pm) may be extended past 5:00pm on occasion depending on patient schedule.

Responsibilities & Duties:

The PSS accurately and efficiently performs the following duties as well as others as requested:

Processes incoming telephone calls – 20%

- Reviews and prioritizes calls based on urgency of need
- Distributes calls as appropriate and/or makes return calls
- Documents actions in patient charts as appropriate

Manages and optimizes clinic schedules for assigned providers – 5%

- Reviews schedules for accuracy/errors
- Brings errors to attention of management as appropriate
- Contacts patients for appointments as requested
- Consults wait list when cancellations occur in schedules
- Consults providers regarding scheduling as needed
- Checks hospitalization list every morning to cancel appointments for patients who are currently inpatient

Processes prescription requests – 20 %

- Checks requests for accuracy, previous prescriber, if active medication, if refills due/already exists, patient's appointment history
- Ensures prescriptions contain all necessary information
- Uses established template for controlled substance refill request and checks I-STOP for providers
- Contacts pharmacies as needed when questions/concerns arise
- Routes to appropriate provider, following availability and coverage rules
- Follows up by faxing/mailing hard copy scripts, scheduling appointments for patients as requested, etc.

Obtains prior authorizations for medications – 20 %

- Reviews chart for supporting documentation for medication and for history of medications tried

- Completes authorizations via fax or Cover My Meds as appropriate
- Collaborates with pharmacies toward resolutions
- Reviews insurance formulary for covered alternate medications
- Discuss reasoning with provider if unable to answer all questions following research

Processes paperwork for assigned providers – 20 %

- Reviews patient chart and faxes requested documentation to other providers
- Provides paperwork to appropriate provider for completion
- Ensures paperwork is complete
- Adds demographic and clinic information for provider
- Obtains attending provider co-signature for resident paperwork
- Ensures a release of information is obtained as appropriate
- Sends paperwork to be scanned into patient charts
- Faxes or mails return paperwork to patients as appropriate

Processes incoming faxes – 10 %

- Reviews and distributes faxes to correct recipient/location
- Reviews and processes faxes in team folders as appropriate

Manages the anti-coagulation reminder list – 2 %

- Sends appropriate reminder to nursing practice following established schedule
- Alerts appropriate provider if patient does not respond after 5 reminders

Provides coverage for Outpatient Access Specialists as necessary – 3 %

- Performs check-in procedures
- Performs other reception procedures
- Performs check-out procedures following patient clinic appointments
- Performs phone room procedures

Qualifications:

Associate's degree in medical, secretarial or related field and a minimum of three years of relevant experience required; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Demonstrated customer relations and multi-tasking skills required. Medical terminology and electronic medical records experience preferred. Ability to act as a resource to less experienced staff also preferred.

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