The employee's job responsibilities and limitations

Description:

- Homemakers provide service to individuals in their own homes and communities, who need assistance caring for themselves as a result of old age, sickness, disability and/or other inflictions. Home care may include housecleaning, laundry, meal preparation, transportation, companionship and respite,
- ♦ Homemakers are responsible for ensuring that service is delivered in a caring and respectful manner, in accordance with relevant Agency policies and established Plan of Care.

Reporting Relationship

• Reports to Supervisor.

Responsibilities/Activities:

- ◆ Teach/perform meal planning and preparation, routine housekeeping activities such as making/changing beds, dusting, vacuuming, washing floors, cleaning kitchen and bathroom, and laundry.
- ◆ Perform/assist with essential shopping/errands, which may include handling the client's money, in accordance with the care plan and under the observation of the Supervisor.
- Assist with following a written, special diet plan and reinforcement of diet maintenance, which is provided under the direction of a Physician and as identified in the care plan.
- Escort to medical facilities, errands, shopping and outings as specified in the care plan.
- Provide companionship, friendship and emotional support.
- ♦ Assist clients with communication by writing or typing correspondence for them or researching information for them.
- Participate on the Care Team by providing input and making suggestions.
- Monitor supplies and resources.
- Follow the written care plan.
- ♦ Carry out duties as assigned by the Supervisor.
- Observe the client's functioning and report to Supervisor.
- Complete and maintain records of daily activities, observations, and direct hours of service.
- Attend orientation, in-service training sessions and staff meetings.
- Develop and maintain constructive and cooperative working relationships with others.
- Make decisions and solve problems.
- Communicate with Supervisor and co-workers.

Required Knowledge

- Knowledge of home management skills.
- Knowledge of principles and processes for providing client and personal services, including needs determinants, meeting quality standards and evaluation of client satisfaction.
- ♦ Knowledge of the English language.
- Knowledge of clerical procedures such as maintaining records and completing forms.

Required Skills/Abilities

- ◆ The ability to be aware of other people's reactions and understand why they react as they do.
- ♦ The ability to teach others.
- ♦ The ability to apply reason and logic to identify strengths and weaknesses of possible solutions.
- The ability to identify problems and determine effective solutions.
- The ability to understand written and oral instructions.
- The ability to communicate information orally so others understand.
- The ability to communicate in writing so others understand.
- The ability to listen and understand the spoken word.
- The ability to work independently and in cooperation with others.
- The ability to determine or recognize when something is likely to go wrong.
- The ability to suggest a number of ideas on a subject.
- The ability to perform activities that use the whole body.
- The ability to handle and move objects and people.
- The ability to observe and recognize changes in clients.
- ♦ The ability to establish and maintain harmonious relations with clients/families/coworkers.

Physical and Mental Demands:

- Good physical and mental health
- Physical ability to stand, walk, use hands and fingers, reach, stoop, kneel, crouch, talk, hear and see.
- Mental fortitude and stability to handle stress.
- Physical and mental ability to drive a vehicle.