## **NORTHWELL HEALTH**

## **HUNTINGTON**

#### JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE : CASE MANAGER, RN

**DEPARTMENT**: CASE MANAGEMENT-Emergency Department

8AM—8:30PM Including E/O Saturday Req#002P2T Position#10076219

**REPORTS TO**: DIRECTOR, CASE MANAGEMENT

<b>POSITION</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>

Serves as liaison between the patient and facility/physician. Ensures a continuum of quality patient care throughout hospitalization and oversees provisions for patient's discharge. Assesses, plans, oversees and evaluates the appropriateness of care throughout admission and hospitalization of the patient.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1. Facilitates patient management throughout hospitalization.
  - Participates in patient management rounds and patient centered meetings.
  - Identifies potential delays and resolves issues with appropriate departments.
  - Identifies appropriate utilization of Social Work Services and makes referrals when appropriate.
  - Confers with physician regarding referrals for Physical Therapy, nutrition, speech and swallow.
- 2. Serves as an in-patient liaison planning, assessing, implementing and evaluating patient in collaboration with the health care team.
  - Serves as a resource to the health care team regarding quality, utilization of clinical resources, payer, and reimbursement issues.
  - Works with on-site screeners in transitioning patients to appropriate post discharge settings.
  - Collaborates with payers, providing all necessary clinical documentation for the maximization of benefits.
  - Serves as a liaison to patient, family, admitting, primary care physician, health care team, and hospital departments.
  - Collaborates with and provides feedback to the primary care physician and multidisciplinary team regarding patient's status with regard to length of stav. utilization of resources and discharge status.
- \* 3. Provides support to the in-patient health care team as well as to patient and family regarding all aspects of admission, hospitalization and discharge plan.
  - Involves patient and/or family in discussion and planning for anticipated need for care following discharge.
  - Ensures patient and/or family are given information regarding their choices regarding transferring the patient to another level of care according to regulatory standards.
- \* 4. Performs concurrent utilization management using Interqual criteria.
  - Conducts chart review for appropriateness of admission and continued length of stay.
  - Contacts and interacts with third party payers to obtain approval of hospital days, pre-certification and post-discharge eligibility in relation to clinical course.
  - Ensures compliance with current state, federal, and third party payer regulations.

- Identifies patients for Alternate Level Care (ALC) care list and notifies appropriate health team members.
- Communicates with insurance companies and physicians regarding utilization issues.
- Utilizes important message from Medicare (IMM) when appropriate.
- Ensures managed care reviews are up to date and accurately reflect patient's clinical progress and acute needs.
- 5. Participates in the quality management of patient care outcomes.
  - Submits data to management regarding case management and/or quality initiatives.
  - Participates in data collection regarding patient's length of stay, utilization of clinical resources, IPRO citations including appropriate recommendations and re-admission within 30 days.
- \* 6. Initiates appropriate discharge planning as supported by initial assessment at time of admission.
  - Reviews patient's chart.
  - Assesses each patient physically, psychosocially and financially.
  - Assesses patient's support system to facilitate appropriate discharge to community.
  - Substantiates, with the physician, the need for home care services.
  - Coordinates procurement of any supplies, equipment or home lab work needed by patient to evaluate discharge.
  - Arranges for post-hospital transportation, when indicated.
  - Interacts and coordinates with community agencies, families, vendors facilities and institutions to facilitate patient discharge.
- 7. Documents the case management process in the medical record.
  - Completes and documents a psychosocial assessment on the patient.
  - Documents on-going processes of patients' hospitalization.
  - Documents finalized discharge plan and disposition.
  - Completes applicable areas of the Patients Discharge Instruction Sheet and the Patient Transfer Sheet.
  - Ensures Patient Review Instrument (PRI) is completed and reflects clinical profile of the patient.
  - Ensures case management sheet is current and accurate.
  - 8. Performs related duties, as required.

### \*ADA Essential Functions

## REQUIRED EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, required.
- Current license to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State.
- Case Management Certification, preferred.
- Emergency Room experience required.
- Minimum of one (1) year related experience, required. Experience in case management and clinical pathways, variance analysis and trending, quality management/utilization review and home care/discharge planning, preferred.
- Keeps abreast of developments in the field and serves as a resource to other staff.

# $\mathsf{CASE}\;\mathsf{MANAGER},\,\mathsf{RN}$

Department Head Signature	Date
Human Resources Signature	Date