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| **JOB DESCRIPTION** | | | | | |
| **JOB TITLE** | CAREGIVER / PCA / DCW | | | **pAYROLL JOB CODE** | 100 – DIRECT CARE |
| **LOCATION** | FIELD | | | **credentials** | ---- |
| **Department** | DIRECT CARE | | | **REPORTS TO** | RN |
| **fsla sTATUS** | NONEXEMPT | **STARTING PTO LEVEL** | --- | **EMPLOYMENT CLASS** | FT, PT, or PRN |

**Summary**

The Caregiver is responsible for providing assistance to clients in their home, as directed by the client specific care plan. The Caregiver delivers services in courteous and efficient manner with the goal of achieving maximum independence for the client and providing a safe alternative to institutional care settings.

**Essential Job Duties AND Responsibilities**

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| * Assists clients with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) or Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) as instructed by the Nurse Case Manager and the client-specific care plan. |
| * Activities of Daily Living may include, but are not limited to, bathing and personal hygiene, assistance with dressing and grooming, eating, mobility, and toileting. |
| * Instrumental Activities of Daily Living may include, but are not limited to, meal preparation and planning, light housekeeping, errands, accompaniment to appointments, and assistance with communication such as the use of the telephone. |
| * ***MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA ONLY: Medication administration may not be performed by anyone other than an appropriately licensed individual (i.e. CMT) and only with the appropriate supervision and delegation of a Registered Nurse. PENNSYLANIA CAREGIVERS MAY NOT PERFORM MED ADMINISTRATION.*** |
| * Takes an active role on the interdisciplinary team and participates in the development of client care plan. |
| * Promptly reports any observed or discovered changes in client condition to appropriate agency staff. |
| * Maintains client safety at all times. |
| * Performs duties as instructed and with a focus on proper technique to minimize risk of personal injury. |
| * Communicates with agency staff any change in schedule, client request, or complaint. |
| * Submits all appropriate documentation in accordance with agency policy and appropriate regulations. |
| * Maintains accurate timekeeping in accordance with agency policy and applicable regulations. |

| **Professional Requirements:** |
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| * Adheres to dress code, appearance is neat and clean. |
| * Completes annual education requirements. |
| * Maintains regulatory requirements. |
| * Maintains patient confidentiality at all times. |
| * Reports to work on time, every time, and as scheduled. Completes work within designated time. |
| * Wears identification while on duty, uses time system correctly. |
| * Completes in-services and returns in a timely fashion. |
| * Attends annual review and department in-services, as scheduled. |
| * Attends staff meetings as required. |
| * Represents the agency in a positive and professional manner. |
| * Actively participates in performance improvement and continuous quality improvement (CQI) activities. |
| * Complies with all agency policies regarding ethical business practices. |
| * Communicates the mission, ethics and goals of the agency. |

**REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

* Experience: On-the-job instruction relative to specific patient needs and continuing in-service training, so that patient safety may be assured and the personal care and homemaking needs of the patient are adequately met.
* Clean criminal background checks (Applicable state-specific tests)
* Eligible to work in your state and USA
* Maryland and Pennsylvania: Negative TB test results
* Maryland Only: Current CPR & First Aide certification from an approved training source
* Maryland Only: Current health certificate/physical examination.
* Virginia Only: Personal Care Aide Training Certificate from an approved training source.
* Virginia Only: Sworn Statement of Criminal Background
* Pennsylvania Only: Demonstration of Basic Competencies
* Pennsylvania Only: Proof of PA residency

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:**

* Able to communicate effectively in English, both verbally and in writing.
* Additional languages preferred.

**OTHER SKILLS:**

* Emotional and mental maturity.
* Good verbal and written communication skills.

**KEY COMPETENCIES**

**Compassion**: Genuinely cares about people; is concerned about their work and non-work problems; is available and ready to help; is sympathetic to the plight of others not as fortunate; demonstrates real empathy with the joys and pains of others.

**Customer Focus:** Is dedicated to meeting the expectations and requirements of internal and external customers; gets first-hand customer information and uses it for improvements in products and services; acts with customers in mind; establishes and maintains effective relationships with customers and gains their trust and respect.

**Integrity and Trust:** Is widely trusted; is seen as a direct, truthful individual; can present the unvarnished truth in an appropriate and helpful manner; keeps confidences; admits mistakes; doesn’t misrepresent him/herself for personal gain.

**Listening:** Practices attentive and active listening; has the patience to hear people out; can accurately restate the opinions of others even when he/she disagrees.

**Informing:** Provides the information people need to know to do their jobs and to feel good about being a member of the team, unit and/or organization; provides individuals information so that they can make accurate decisions; is timely with information.

**Drive for Results:** Can be counted on to exceed quality goals successfully; constantly and consistently achieves the highest possible outcomes; steadfastly pushes self and others for results.

**PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES**

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| **Physical Requirements** | Medium work **–** Exerting up to 50 lbs. of force occasionally or up to 20 lbs. of force frequently, or up to 10 lbs. of force constantly to move objects; including the human body. |
| **Visual Acuity:** | Arm's reach visual acuity **–** Worker is required to have visual acuity to perform activities such as operating machines (i.e. lathes, drill presses, power saws & mills) where the seeing job is at or within arm’s reach; performing mechanical or skilled trades tasks of a non-repetitive nature (i.e. ones by carpenters, technicians, service people, plumbers, painters, mechanics, etc.)  Close visual acuity **–** Worker is required to have close visual acuity to perform activities such as preparing & analyzing data & figures; transcribing; viewing a computer terminal; extensive reading; visual inspection involving small defects, small parts or operation of machines (including inspection); using measurement devices; or assembly or fabrication of parts at distances close to the eyes.  General observations visual acuity **–** Worker is required to have visual acuity to determine the accuracy, neatness & thoroughness of the work assigned (i.e., custodial, food services, general labor, etc.) or to make general observations of facilities or structures (i.e., security guard, inspection, etc.)  Motor vehicle visual acuity **–** Worker is required to have visual acuity to operate motor vehicles or heavy equipment. |
| **Physical Activities:** | Balancing **–** Maintaining body equilibrium to prevent falling when walking, standing or crouching on narrow, slippery or moving surfaces. This factor exceeds the amount & kind of balancing required for ordinary locomotion & maintenance of body equilibrium.  Crouching **–** Bending the body downward & forward by bending leg & spine.  Feeling **–** Perceiving attributes of objects, such as size, shape, temperature or texture by touching with skin, particularly that of fingertips.  Fingering **–** Picking, pinching, typing or otherwise working, primarily with fingers rather than with whole hand or arm as in handling.  Grasping **–** Applying pressure to an object with the fingers and palm.  Hearing **–** Perceiving the nature of sounds at normal speaking levels with/without correction, & having the ability to receive detailed information through oral communication, & making fine discriminations in sound.  Kneeling **–** Bending legs at knee to come to a rest on knee or knees.  Lifting **–** Raising or moving objects/patients from a lower to higher position or horizontally from position to-position. This factor is important if it occurs to a considerable degree & requires the substantial use of the upper extremities & back muscles.  Pulling **–** Using upper extremities to exert force in order to draw, drag, haul or tug objects in a sustained motion.  Pushing **–** Using upper extremities to press against something with steady force in order to thrust forward, downward or outward.  Reaching **–** Extending hands or arms in any direction.  Repetitive motions **–** Making substantial movements/motions of the wrists, hands, or fingers.  Standing **–** Remaining upright on the feet, particularly for sustained periods of time.  Stooping **–** Bending body downward & forward by bending spine at the waist. This factor is important if it occurs to a considerable degree and requires full use of the lower extremities & back muscles.  Talking **–** Expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word; those activities where detailed or important spoken instructions must be conveyed to other workers accurately, loudly, or quickly.  Walking - Moving about on foot to accomplish tasks, particularly for long distances or moving from one work site to another. |
| **Physical Conditions** | Exposed to Inside conditions **–** Subject to inside environmental conditions; protected from weather conditions, but not necessarily from indoor temperature changes.  Required to wear a respirator **–** Worker maybe required to wear a respirator.  Exposure to infectious disease **–** Subject to infectious diseases including blood & other potentially infectious body fluids & tissues.  Work around mental health patients – Worker maybe required to function around mental health patients.  Not exposed to adverse conditions **–** Worker is not substantially exposed to adverse environmental conditions (as in typical office or administrative work). |

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| **Acknowledgement** | | |
| I have read the above job description and fully understand the requirements set forth. I understand the agency reserves the right to revise and/or changes job duties, tasks, work hours/shifts, and work requirements at any time. I have noted below any job duties that I am not able to perform, with or without accommodation. I have also noted any accommodations that are required to enable me to perform these duties.  Comments:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |
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