

**BROCKTON VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION  
JOB DESCRIPTION**

**TITLE:                   PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT**

**REPORTS TO:         CLINICAL MANAGER**

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**POSITION SUMMARY:**

The Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) works in a team relationship with the Registered Physical Therapist (PT) in carrying out the physical therapy program in patient's home or place of residence. Adheres to all BVNA policies including, but not limited to, Confidentiality Agreement, Personnel Policies, Clinical Policies and Procedures, professional code of ethics and practice standards.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Reviews referral and/or physician orders to determine physical therapy treatment required.
- Documents treatments, responses, and progress according to BVNA charting protocols.
- Communicates weekly schedule in writing to Rehabilitation Manager.
- Communicates with PT to receive periodic supervision that ensures safety and welfare of patients.
- Administers manual exercises to improve and maintain function.
- Instructs, motivates, and assists patient to perform various physical activities and in use of assistive and supportive devices such as crutches, canes, and prostheses.
- Instructs patient and family in treatment procedures to be continued at home.
- Demonstrates ability to skillfully manage caseload.
- Communicates with PT and other practitioners to obtain additional patient information, suggests revisions in plan of care including identification of other professional services needed, and integrates physical therapy treatments with other aspects of patient's health care.
- Teaches patients/significant other(s) skills and techniques required for participation in activities and evaluates patient's progress and recommends to the PT revisions to the plan of care.
- Seeks educational and professional opportunities to improve competence.
- Is responsible for maintaining state licensing that is current and in good standing
- Responsible for interdisciplinary assessment
- Required to participate in Quality Assessment Performance Improvement Program and HHA sponsored in-service Training
- Performs miscellaneous related duties as assigned

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Possesses current Massachusetts Physical Therapy Assistant license
- One year of experience as a Physical Therapy Assistant in a home health setting
- Proficiency in safe PTA practice
- Ability to work collaboratively with the Brockton VNA team
- Ability to strictly adhere to confidentiality requirements
- Possesses current driver's license and reliable vehicle

