

Job Title	Medical Social Worker
Employer/ Agency	Gulf Coast Hospice of Houston
Job Description	<p>The Medical Social Worker is a qualified professional who, in accordance with the plan of care, assists the physician and other team members in understanding the significant social and emotional factors related to the health problems, participates in the development of the plan of care, prepares clinical and progress notes, works with the family, utilizes appropriate community resources, participates in discharge planning and in-service programs and acts as a consultant to other agency personnel.</p> <p>Duties: The Medical Social Worker</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provides social casework as an entity where appropriate to individuals and families receiving nursing or other services from the Agency. b. Prepares social histories according to specific guidelines to augment existing service or as a guide in determining or changing level of service taking into consideration: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family relationships 2. The meaning of illness to the patient and their family 3. The cultural attitudes in relationship to illness 4. The meaning of home to the patient. 5. The ability of the patient and their family to adjust to the patient at home. 6. The financial impact of illness upon the family c. Assesses, when appropriate, a family's financial situation taking into consideration the patient's prognosis and medical needs and referring to the Agency for financial assistance in indicated, interpreting the medical situation to the referring Agency and generally facilitating the process of referral. d. Responds to referrals for casework by agency staff or professionals from outside the Agency providing service as appropriate. e. Participates in Agency IDG conferences identifying social problems, their severity, and their interrelatedness to the medical situation, as well as assessing a family's strengths and weaknesses and discussing alternate methods of alleviating the situation. f. Refers patients and families to community agencies with appropriate follow-up g. Participates in case conferences with other agencies h. Interprets social resources to staff and health services to special agencies i. Maintains absolute confidentiality of agency records including, but not limited to, payroll, personnel, patient care, business plans, and financial information. j. Maintains absolute confidentiality of patients' records k. Assists the physician and other team members in understanding the significant social and emotional factors related to the health programs. l. Participates in the development of the plan of care. m. Observes, records, and reports information on the patient's condition to

	<p>the attending physician and in the patient's health record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> n. Advises, counsels, and when appropriate, instructs the family in the patient social needs. o. Participates in discharge planning p. Participates in in-service education programs. Participation will be carried out by the social worker. q. Participates in QAPI. r. Perform all other duties as assigned.
Qualifications	<p>Has Master's degree from a school of Social Work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education One year of social work experience in health care setting Must be licensed by the state of Texas Valid driver's license, car insurance, and car are required</p>
Salary/Hours	M-F 8-5pm, \$50,000-55,000
Employer/Agency	GCHH
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