

Southern Illinois Healthcare has undertaken a clinical transformation journey in order to thrive in the current healthcare environment. Efforts are underway to optimize the function and structure of case management across the organization's three hospitals. An important component of the new case management program is the role of the Medical Director Case Management.

Reporting to the system Chief Medical Officer, the Physician Advisor is a physician serving the hospital through teaching, consulting, and advising both the Case Management (CM) Department and the medical staff on matters regarding physician practice patterns, documentation, over- and under-utilization of resources, medical necessity, compliance rules and regulations, collaboration and relationships with payors, and the community. The PA also facilitates physician support and execution for CM Department initiatives by promoting effective and efficient physician documentation to support the patient's level of care (LOC), billing status, and appropriateness of Medicare Severity-Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG)/DRG assignment.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Advise, assist and educate treating physicians, hospital case managers, senior medical management, administration and all others involved in the delivery of timely, appropriate and cost effective care.
- Conduct verbal and written review and appeal of denied or downgraded coverage determinations made by managed care/commercial payers
- Promote the efficient and effective clinical care of hospitalized patients via collaborative telephonic communication and interactions with hospital clients
- Facilitate communication between managed care/commercial payers and providers regarding benefit coverage issues, utilization review and quality assurance processes
- Promote hospital adherence to ensure compliance with CMS policy regarding inpatient admissions and observation status, as well as the appropriateness of continued hospital stay
- Provide in-depth clinical expertise in the management of specific patient populations to effectively manage length of stay for hospital clients and facilitate care across the healthcare continuum by intervening as necessary to address barriers to timely and efficient care delivery and reimbursement
- Discuss and educate treating physicians regarding alternative courses of action or modification to the treatment plan, including but not limited to, appropriate documentation of the plan of care, to resolve utilization issues
- This position will function as the lead for the Physician Advisor program across the system, and will also be responsible for:
  - providing direction, leadership and support to the team of medical directors of case management.
  - In addition to providing physician leadership, the MDCM Lead provides expertise related to management of care coordination, length of stay (LOS)/level of care (LOC), patient flow, ancillary service utilization, and clinical documentation improvement (CDI) at each facility
- The position is 100% administrative, shifts available as hospitalist if desired

**Requirements:**

- Minimum 3 - 5 years' experience as a practicing physician
- Master's degree in business/medical management preferred
- Utilization management experience preferred
- Board certified by the time of employment
- Licensed as a MD or DO in the state of IL by the time of employment
- Ability to obtain medical staff privileges at SIH facilities

**About the client:**

Southern Illinois Healthcare is a not for profit health system located in Carbondale, IL. As the region's largest and most accomplished health care provider, SIH has acquired national accolades in cardiac and stroke care, rehabilitation and bariatric services, breast imaging and quality. The second largest employer in southern Illinois, SIH is 3,300 employees strong with an overarching mission to promote the health and well-being of all of the people in the communities we serve.

SIH encompasses a three-hospital, 293 bed system with over 300 medical staff physicians and mid-level providers. SIH serves over 350,000 people across the southernmost 16 counties. Specialty services include obstetrics, pediatrics, surgical services, neurosciences, heart, cancer, emergency services and rehabilitation aligned with the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. In 2015, SIH was awarded a Top 15 Hospital System by Truven Health.

Forward-thinking and financially strong, SIH maintains an A+ bond rating from both Fitch and Standard & Poor's. SIH is also the newest member of the BJC Collaborative, a partnership among health care systems throughout Illinois, Missouri and Eastern Kansas designed to achieve savings and create additional efficiencies that will benefit patients and communities.

The southern Illinois region has both a large student and professional population thanks to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, as well as a growing retirement population. The area is bounded by the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and dotted with accessible lakes nestled in the great hardwoods in the hills of the Shawnee National Forest. Rich with state parks, including famous Giant City State Park and Lodge, Garden of the Gods, and Little Grand Canyon. There are many opportunities for boating and sailing, fishing, hiking and rock climbing, winding horse trails and miles of cycling paths including Tunnel Hill, the #1 bike ride in Illinois. Tee up at over 25 golf-courses or take a trip on the wine trail, visit dozens of wineries and bed and breakfasts. Music festivals and local fairs are numerous and there are many historical attractions, unique shops and towns and fine restaurants with local and international cuisine.

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, is a regional institution with a medical school. The university boasts top-ranked sports programs, especially in football and basketball, and offers a full schedule of theater, live music, opera and other events at historic Shryock Auditorium and McLeod Theater.

John A. Logan Community College, just 10 miles from SIU, is one of the country's top-ranked community colleges and offers many cultural activities.

Local shopping includes many quality, national stores and, in southern Illinois, you are only two hours from St. Louis, three hours from Nashville or Memphis and five hours from Chicago. It is also a great area to raise children with outstanding schools, many of them newly built with excellent rankings. Climate is mild, with an extended and vibrant Fall season, mild winters, and long, warm Spring seasons. Average rainfall is 40 inches, snowfall 6 inches, temperature in winter averages 35 degrees and in summer 72 degrees. All of this quality lifestyle comes at a very pleasant cost. The average three-bedroom home costs \$180,000

### **Memorial Hospital of Carbondale**

- 154 licensed beds. 167 total beds with NICU.
- Part of Southern Illinois Healthcare, a Top 51 Thomson Reuters Health System
- Southern Illinois' regional acute-care facility
- Over 220 physicians in over 40 different specialties
- 24-hour Hospitalist program
- Teaching facility – SIU Family Medicine Residency – Carbondale & West Frankfort
- Currently undergoing a \$52 million expansion and renovation project that will add 3 more operating rooms (including 1 hybrid) and 8 additional ICU beds.

#### Obstetrics and Pediatrics

- Only hospital with Level II+ nursery in southern Illinois
- 2000+ births annually
- Only dedicated pediatric unit in the area

#### Surgical Services

- Seven modern surgical suites including one with daVinci™ technology
- Cardiac, neuro, urologic, general, breast, plastic, orthopedic, ENT & oral

#### Neurosciences

- Primary Stroke Center
- Full neurosurgery coverage

#### Heart

- Prairie Heart Institute
- Over 2000 diagnostic catheterizations. Over 1000 interventions. Over 200 cardiac surgeries each year
- Top 100 Cardiovascular Hospital 2008 & 2009; Blue Cross/Blue Shield Cardiac Center of Distinction
- Accredited Chest Pain Center with PCI

- STAT Heart/Code STEMI

#### Cancer

- Part of SIH Cancer Institute
- Accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer
- Comprehensive Breast Center
- Affiliated with the SIU School of Medicine - Simmons Cancer Institute

#### Emergency services

- Regional Hospital Coordinating Center for Emergency Preparedness (Region 5)
- Resource Hospital for Emergency Medical Services

#### Herrin Hospital

- 114 licensed beds.
- Part of Southern Illinois Healthcare, a Top 51 Thomson Reuters Health System
- 170 physicians in over 35 different specialties
- 24-hour Hospitalist program
- Currently undergoing a \$24 million expansion and renovation project that will add 3 more operating rooms and replace the existing operating and procedure rooms

#### Rehabilitation aligned with Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

- 29-bed acute rehabilitation center
- Rehab Unlimited – outpatient therapy
- Fit for Work – occupational therapy
- Sportsology – sports medicine
- Women’s Rehabilitation

#### Surgical Services

- Four surgical suites
- General, bariatric, urologic, GI, plastic, oral, orthopedic, gynecologic & ENT

#### Neurosciences

- Primary Stroke Center

#### Heart

- Accredited Chest Pain Center with PCI
- STAT Heart program given the American Heart Association’s Mission Lifeline Bronze Award
- Accredited Cardiovascular Pulmonary Rehabilitation

#### Cancer

- Part of SIH Cancer Institute
- Comprehensive Breast Center
- Affiliated with the SIU School of Medicine - Simmons Cancer Institute

#### Emergency services

- Part of the STAT Brain stroke-ready network
- Over 28,000 ED visits annually

#### St. Joseph Memorial Hospital

Purchased in 1995 from the ASC Health System, St. Joseph is the only Catholic facility in the Southern Illinois Healthcare family. A 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Murphysboro, St. Joseph offers the

- 120 physicians in over 30 different specialties
- Over 9800 ED encounters annually
- Prairie STAT Heart activated hospital for rapid transfer of STEMI patients
- Accredited sleep center with multiple locations
- Outpatient geriatric psych program
- All-digital imaging and archiving with 16-Slice CT, MRI, bone density testing and ACR-certified ultrasound services
- Infusion center
- Comprehensive wound care center with hyperbaric therapy
- Area leader for outpatient endoscopic procedures
- Certified cardio-pulmonary outpatient rehabilitation

#### SIH Medical Group

Southern Illinois Healthcare Medical Group (SIH MG) is the physician practice division of the system. Incorporated in 2006, the SIH MG creates employment opportunities for physicians and mid-level providers in order to support the mission of SIH in the region. In the short time since then, SIH MG has grown from an initial 5 physicians to 145 community- and hospital-based physicians and nearly 55 mid-level providers representing more than 30 specialties. SIH MG employs over 570 individuals. SIH MG physicians admit patients to all three SIH hospitals. SIH MG physicians in Harrisburg refer patients to Harrisburg Medical Center, as well as SIH facilities.

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