

JOB DESCRIPTION

PHYSICIAN ADVISOR

1. Provide leadership and direction to the Case Management/Utilization Management (CM/UM) program at University Hospital. This includes development and implementation of CM/UM standards.
2. Provide overall medical expertise and leadership to UH providers to ensure cost effective and quality services to patients and maintenance of provider relations; recommend accepted alternatives to ordering providers for consideration, when appropriate; ensure provider compliance with and understanding of requirements of regulatory agencies, including CMS and DOHSS, and work closely with providers to ensure appropriate and timely clinical documentation.
3. Act as a first level reviewer for all cases referred by Utilization/Case Management staff. Contact attending physicians as needed when questions arise regarding plans of care.
4. Exercise your own professional medical judgment as a physician advisor in accordance with acceptable medical standards and North Jersey Peer Review (NJPR) guidelines.
5. Conduct telephone reviews with providers and/or Plan Medical Directors and participate in audits (internal and external).
6. Assist in the preparation of appeals as needed.
7. Assist in the development of CM or UM tools including critical pathway development.
8. Provide input into and receive feedback from the Utilization Management Department Staff.
9. Attend and participate consistently and regularly in the Utilization Management Committee and Utilization Management length of stay rounds with UM and Case Management Staff on those services assigned.
10. Serve as a resource for current information and practice trends in the medical community for Utilization Management.
11. Comply with University Hospital policies and procedures and conform to Joint Commission accreditation standards and those of other regulatory agencies.
12. Participate in continuing medical education programs as required by State licensure and Board certification.
13. Maintain strict confidentiality of patient and provider information.
14. Review patient assessments and management plans.

15. Assist with the analysis and use of external benchmarking data from the University Health Consortium and other agencies and programs.
16. Assist the Compliance Officer, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Quality Officer and the director of regulatory affairs in ensuring University Hospital compliance with Joint Commission standards and those of other regulatory agencies regarding improving organization performance and patient safety.
17. Act as a role model for customer and improved quality.
18. Perform other related duties as assigned.