

# **DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE**

**Division: GULF COAST** 

Classification: NON-CERTIFIED POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC (PSG) TECHNOLOGIST

**Applicant Name:** 

# Non-Certified Polysomnographic (PSG) Technologist:

The Non-Certified Polysomnography (PSG) Technologist must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility.

## **Definition of Care or Service:**

The Non-Certified Polysomnographic (PSG) Technologist performs sleep tests and works with the physician to provide information needed for sleep disorder diagnosis. Scope of Service may include:

- Monitors brain waves, eye movements, muscle activity and multiple breathing variables
- Assesses blood oxygen levels during sleep using specialized recording equipment
- Interprets sleep recordings and responds appropriately to emergencies
- Provides support services related to the treatment of sleep problems
  - Assists patients with sleep devices
  - o Helps patients develop good sleeping habits
- Documents physician orders appropriate to field of specialty
- Documents the procedure in the medical record
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include HCA Healthcare code of conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians

# Setting(s):

 Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, clinics and physician practices

## Supervision:

Direct supervision by a Registered Polysomnography Technician, physician, or Respiratory Therapist

#### **Evaluators:**

Department director, designee, manager in conjunction with supervising physician

Tier Level: 2

### eSAF Access Required: YES

#### **Qualifications:**

- High School diploma/GED or higher
- Completion of one of the below:
  - Polysomnography Technology education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) or the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)
  - Clinical experience that includes Polysomnography duties (Can be found on Letter of Compliance)
  - o A STAR-designated Self-Study education program
- American Heart Association or Red Cross health care provider BLS Certification

NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.

**State Requirements:** 



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N/A

# **Experience:**

• One year of experience as a Polysomnography (PSG) Technician

#### Competencies:

The Non-Certified Polysomnographic (PSG) Technologist will demonstrate:

- Safe and effective operation of Polysomnographic equipment
- Obtains quality diagnostic outputs consistently
- Performs equipment care and maintenance
  - o Demonstrates effective infection control practices related to equipment operation
- Accurate patient information review and evaluation
- Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
  - Verifies that the requested procedure correlates with the patient's clinical history, presentation and physician order
  - Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible
  - Accesses the patient medical record appropriately
  - Documents in the medical record according to the facility standard / policy
- Appropriate Diagnostic Examination Results
- Performs Polysomnographic (PSG) preparation procedures, including calibrating equipment, applying electrodes and sensors, and fitting positive airway pressure masks
- Performs Polysomnographic (PSG) procedures, including polysomnography studies for evaluating disordered breathing, multiple sleep latency testing (MSLT) studies, and positive airway titration (PAP) studies
- Scores PSG tests, which include polysomnography, MSLT and PAP studies
- Implements appropriate therapeutic interventions during examination
  - o Implements continuous and bi-level positive airway pressure
  - Administers oxygen
- Infection Prevention
  - o Practices consistent hand hygiene
  - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Required immunizations per Division requirements
  - Complies with Isolation precautions

### **References:**

CAAHEP Find A Program: https://www.caahep.org/Students/Find-a-Program.aspx

CoARC Find an Accredited Program: <a href="https://www.coarc.com/Students/Find-an-Accredited-Program-(2).aspx">https://www.coarc.com/Students/Find-an-Accredited-Program-(2).aspx</a>

STAR Program: https://www.brpt.org/learn/star-program/

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Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.

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