



DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

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| Division: GULF COAST |
| DHP Classification: SITTER |
| Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP): |

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| <p>Sitter - Personal Care Assistant:</p> <p>The Sitter-Personal Care Assistant must have equivalent qualifications and competence as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility.</p> |
| <p>Description of Care or Service:</p> <p>Provides hands-on care and performs routine tasks under the supervision of nursing and medical staff. Scope of Service may include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follows instructions for patient observation as directed by primary nurse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Observes the patient with an unobstructed view at all times when there is significant risk that patient may harm self • Maintains a safe patient environment by being knowledgeable of fall preventions, protocols and infection control measures • Notifies the RN immediately of an emergency or sudden change in patient condition / behavior • Provides companionship for the patient • Interacts in a professional manner with the patient, the public, physicians and hospital staff • Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include HCA code of conduct core fundamentals in daily interaction with patients, families, co-workers and physicians <p>NOTE: Additional care or services may be defined according to specialty</p> |
| <p>Setting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, imaging centers, and physician practices • Patient care areas, defined by facility policy |
| <p>Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct supervision by the registered (primary) nurse <p>Evaluator: Department director, registered primary nurse or designee</p> |
| <p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained as a Personal Care Assistant / Sitter |
| <p>Experience:</p> <p>Training and experience equivalent to hospital training program for sitters. Six months or more preferred</p> |
| <p>Competencies:</p> <p>The Sitter-Personal Care Assistant will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a safe environment for patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure ○ Identifies and mitigates risks to patient falls ○ Complies with precautions for patient safety as instructed by the primary nurse • Effective communication and interpersonal skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demonstrates tactful, patient, understanding and dependable behaviors ○ Works as an effective team member ○ Communicate effectively ○ Observes patient behavior by being attentive and engaged ○ Communicates sudden changes in patient status to the primary nurse immediately • Assists with patient personal care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helps patient to eat, dress, bathe, and use the bathroom, as directed by the primary nurse ○ Maintains neat and tidy environment in the patient room |



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- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Maintains current immunization for influenza
 - Complies with Isolation precautions

References:

US Department of Labor. (2011). Nursing and Psychiatric Aides. Occupational Information Network (O*NET); Retrieved from <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/ocos327.htm>.

DHP Printed Name: _____ DHP Signature: _____

Company/Vendor: _____ Date: _____