

Reports To: CMO and CEO

Status: Full Time Salaried/Contracted

Facility Location: Dexter/SBHC

POSITION SUMMARY: The Optometrist will provide quality eye care and emergency treatment to Hometown (HHC) patients. The primary focus will be to examine eyes and visual system, diagnose problems or impairments, prescribe corrective lenses, and provide treatment. May prescribe therapeutic drugs to treat specific eye conditions. The optometrist will collaborate with HHC providers and support staff.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Perform vision tests, analyze results and develop a treatment plan
2. Examine eyes, using observation, instruments and pharmaceutical agents, to determine visual acuity and perception, focus and coordination and to diagnose diseases and other abnormalities such as glaucoma or color blindness.
3. Prescribe eyeglasses, contact lenses, and medications
4. Prescribe therapeutic procedures to correct or conserve vision.
5. Provide pre- and postoperative care to patients undergoing eye surgery—for example, examining a patient's eyes the day after surgery
6. Evaluate patients for the presence of diseases such as diabetes and refer patients to other healthcare providers as needed
7. Consult with and refer patients to ophthalmologist or other health care practitioner if additional medical treatment is determined necessary.
8. Promote eye health by counseling patients, including explaining how to clean and wear contact lenses
9. Work closely with PCP in the provision of team delivery of healthcare
10. Maintain accurate, timely and quality health records
11. Participate in all quality measures as required
12. Provider services at HHC's Dexter location and the School Based Health Center.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. State of Maine license or ability to become licensed in the State of Maine
2. Board Certification/Eligibility by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.
3. Graduation from an approved school of optometry.
4. Experience in rural, community-oriented care.
5. Commitment to providing quality health care services with compassion and dignity.
6. Ability to travel to all HHC Sites as needed.

PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

- Requires full range of body motion with the ability to bend, kneel and stoop.
- Must possess: the ability to sit and or stand for long periods of time, the ability to lift approximately 30 **lbs.**, visual acuity with color vision, the ability to communicate effectively and calmly in a professional manner, the ability to follow all workplace policies including safety and confidentiality, the ability to perform repetitive motion keyboarding functions, Clinical – may requires exposure to communicable disease, toxic substances, ionizing radiation, medicinal preparations and other conditions common to clinic environment.
- Knowledge of the professional medical practice and ability to safely evaluate assess and provide health care to patients.
- Knowledge of organizational policies, regulations, and procedures to administer patient care. Must possess the ability to work with and around medical equipment and instruments safely and effectively.
- Knowledge of common safety hazards and precautions to establish a safe work environment.
- Skill in applying and modifying the principles, methods, and techniques of medicine to provide ongoing patient care.
- Skill in taking medical history, assessing medical condition and interpreting findings. Skill in preparing and maintaining records, writing reports, and responding to correspondence.
- Skill in developing and maintaining department quality assurance.
- Skill in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with patients, medical staff, and the public.
- Ability to maintain quality control standards.
- Ability to react calmly and effectively in emergency situations.
- Ability to interpret, adapt and apply guidelines and procedures.
- Ability to communicate clearly.

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Employee Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date