Company: Compassionate Care Hospice

Position: Medical Social Worker

Website: [www.chnet.net](http://www.chnet.net)

Location: Multiple positions available in MA and NH

Requirements: BSW or MSW

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community based organization committed to providing the highest quality of end of life care to patients, their families and close friends throughout 22 states.

The Compassionate Care team strongly embraces the philosophy that end of life care is so much more than just treating the symptoms of a disease. Treating the spirit and soul are equally important in allowing a terminally ill patient to die in peace and allow those left behind to be supported through their grief.

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

The Social Worker assists patients and families with personal and environmental difficulties that interfere with obtaining maximum benefits from care.

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:**

1. Assists the physician and other members of the health care team in understanding significant social/mental stress and/or disorder that exacerbates the symptoms related to terminal illness.
2. Assesses the patient’s social and emotional status in order to estimate the client’s capacity and potential to cope with problems of daily living and assesses the caregiver psychosocial status.
3. Participates in development and revision of plan of care to assist the patient in resolving difficulties, which affect his/her ability to benefit from care provided.
4. Helps patient and family to understand, accept and follow medical recommendations.
5. Assesses the patient/family psychosocial status, potential risk of suicide and/or potential for abuse or neglect.
6. Assesses emotional factors related to terminal illness.
7. Assesses environmental resources and obstacles to maintain safety.
8. Provides social services including short-term individual counseling, crisis intervention, assistance in providing information and preparation of advance directives, funeral planning and issues involving transfer of fiscal, legal and health care responsibility.
9. Identifies family dynamics, communication patterns and involves the family/caregiver in the plan of care.
10. Identifies and utilizes appropriate community resources and assesses patient/family/caregiver’s ability to access them.
12. Assesses caregiver’s ability to function adequately.
14. Assesses special needs related to cultural diversity including communication, space, role of family members and special traditions.
15. Identifies the development level of patient/family/caregiver and obstacles to learning or ability to participate in care of patient.
16. Addresses patient/family questions and issues.
17. Identifies obstacles to compliance and assists in understanding goals of intervention.
18. Identifies support systems available to reduce stress and facilitate coping with end-of-life care.
19. Communicates psychosocial information to inpatient facility when level of care is changed.
20. Assists family in assessing financial resources when appropriate.
21. Attends team meetings, and maintains effective communication with other team members.
22. Identifies patient/family needs when discharged or when level of care changes.
23. Evaluates patient/family response to intervention when referred to community agency and satisfaction of service provided.
24. Prepares clinical and progress notes.
25. Assesses bereavement needs.
27. Evaluates the patient for long-term care when appropriate and assesses ability to accept change in level of care.
28. Is involved in the QAPI Program.
29. Performs other related tasks as requested.

How to apply: E-mail cover letter and resume to jennifer.mahoney@cchnet.net

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