CLAIMS CASE MANAGER, RN

Nature of Work
This is professional case management work performed by a licensed registered nurse managing State of Florida Workers Compensation and bodily injury program processes on behalf of Pinellas County Government. The incumbent ensures effective delivery of comprehensive workers compensation medical claims management services and support. Tasks and assignments require the incumbent to complete extensive telephone, personal computer systems tracking and field case management on behalf of Pinellas County Government. The incumbent provides initial and ongoing clinical assessments for on the job injury case management and maintains regular contact with physicians, other medical providers, injured employees, and supervisors. The incumbent defines strategies on medical management and completes professional assessments used to manage medical and disability exposure and return to work opportunities. Substantial time is required performing Pinellas County’s workforce case management via telephonic and computer contacts with parties although some work occurs at worker field locations. The incumbent works extensively to manage Florida workers compensation injuries which include telephonic and field work with a strong understanding of the Heart/Lung Bill applicable to law enforcement personnel. The incumbent will also be required to complete case assessments for worker’s compensation and bodily injury claims asserted by third parties. The incumbent must apply advanced professional nursing principles and techniques to a wide variety of patient care problems and situations. The incumbent completes professional nursing assignments and makes nursing decisions independently without any direct professional supervision; however, the position does report administratively to a senior manager or designee.

Minimum Qualification Requirements
• Candidate must be a graduate from an accredited professional registered nurse program with a State of Florida Registered Nurse (RN) license AND possess:
  - 3 years of professional employment performing advanced level workers compensation case management experience implementing the full range of initial, ongoing, and final resolutions on workers compensation cases with preference given to candidates possessing or in the process of obtaining one or more designations (CCM, CDMS, CCRN or COHN) detailed below; or
  - 5 years experience as a professional clinical nurse with a preference for previous insurance nurse case management, orthopedic, emergency room, critical care, home care or rehabilitation care; or
  - 1 or more occupation related certifications or designations: (CCM, CDMS, CCRN or COHN); or
• An equivalent combination of education, training, and/or experience.

Appointing Authority May Also Require
• A Florida Driver’s License or Florida Commercial Driver’s License and endorsement, if any.
• Assignment to work a variety of work schedules including compulsory work periods in special, emergency, and/or disaster situations.
• Preference may be given and/or the appointee may be required to obtain one or more designations, such as: (Certified Case Manager (CCM); Certified Disability Management Specialist (CDMS); Certified Critical Care Nurse (CCRN); Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN).
• Other highly desirable knowledge, skills, abilities and credentials relevant to the position.

Illustrative Tasks (These are examples and are not all inclusive.)
• Performs initial and ongoing clinical assessment via telephone calls to injured employees, supervisors, physicians and attorneys as indicated, assessment of employee’s situation will include psychosocial needs, cultural implications and support systems in place.
• Creates a case management plan based on the assessment with measurable goals and objectives utilizing evidence-based criteria, monitoring ongoing progress toward these goals and objectives; implements plan through case management interventions and communication with all parties to reach desired goals and objectives.
ILLUSTRATIVE TASKS (continued)
- Schedules appointments with outside doctors, hospitals, clinics, labs and radiology facilities.
- Coordinates, schedules, negotiates and coordinates prompt return-to-work plans with parties.
- Accompanies injured employees to medical appointments when needed for purposes of education for employees and/or attaining appropriate work restrictions. Maintains client privacy and confidentiality; promotes safety; and adheres to ethical, legal, accreditation and regulatory standards.
- Provides information and guidance to individuals.
- Maintains accurate, detailed reports, and records.
- Records patients' medical information and workers compensation information.
- Monitors, record, and report changes in patients' conditions.
- Consults with healthcare team members to assess, plan, implement or evaluate patient care plans.
- Modifies patient treatment plans as indicated by authorized physicians
- Instructs individuals or other groups on topics such as health education, disease prevention, or and develop health improvement programs.
- Prepares and delivers various training to individuals and groups.
- Performs related work as assigned or required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES
- Knowledge of the State of Florida workers compensation laws and regulations at an advanced level, including the Heart/Lung bill.
- Knowledge of the information and techniques needed to diagnose and treat human injuries, diseases, and deformities. This includes symptoms, treatment alternatives, drug properties and interactions, and preventive health-care measures.
- Knowledge of principles, methods, and procedures for diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of physical and mental dysfunctions, and for career counseling and guidance.
- Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction with ability to establish and maintain effective working and professional relationships with employees, coworkers, physicians, and superiors.
- Skill in negotiations.
- Skill in oral and written communication in health, medical, and administrative matters including presentation skills.
- Ability to work in a team environment.
- Ability to operate a personal computer and other automated systems to enter and retrieve information, monitor work performed and to communicate information in reports, etc.
- Ability to evaluate needs and courses of action for alternative treatments.
- Ability to apply standard nursing knowledge and techniques to a wide variety of patient care situations.
- Ability to apply computer applications and software.
- Ability to analyze and persuade others to take action applying positive interpersonal skills.
- Ability to manage workflow and make independent decisions.