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**University of Houston
Graduate College of Social Work**

JOB OPPORTUNITY POSTING

Job Title: Hospice Social Worker LMSW

Employer/ Agency: Compassionate Care Hospice

1. **Job Description:** 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.
11. Evaluates patient/family response to psychosocial interventions.
12. Assesses caregiver's ability to function adequately.
13. Assesses need for counseling related to risk assessment for pathological grief.
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.
26. Participates in in-service programs.
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.
Performs other related tasks as requested

Qualifications:

Masters of Social Work accredited by the Council of Social Work Education preferred and as required per state standards. Licensed as a Social Worker if required in the state of practice
One year of social work experience in a health care setting.
Hospice or home health experience preferred

Salary/Hours: Negotiable

Employer/ Agency: Compassionate Care Hospice
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Application Method: Preferably in person- but will accept emailed resumes

Opening Date: Immediate openings

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