

# SWLA CENTER FOR HEALTH SERVICES

## JOB DESCRIPTION

**JOB TITLE:** Dentist  
**DEPARTMENT:** Dental  
**SUPERVISED BY:** Dental Director

### **SUMMARY:**

Examines individuals requesting care, diagnoses their dental conditions, prescribes and carries out, or directs others in carrying out, appropriate therapy, or refers individuals for specialty consultation or care in conformance with approved clinical privileges. Educates individuals in the nature of oral health related conditions, in the general promotion of health and the prevention of oral disease.

### **EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:**

1. The incumbent must possess the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery or Doctor of Dental Medicine from an approved school of dentistry.
2. Must be licensed in the state of Louisiana. In addition, the incumbent must possess knowledge of the basic concepts, principles, and practices of supervision and the ability to apply them.
3. CPR certified.

### **JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Records patient-dentist transaction as they occur in the medical/dental record (in an organized format utilizing standard nomenclature) so that the record accurately reflects the nature of the contact, the condition of the patient, and the care provided, in addition, completes referrals, data collection instruments and other records or paper works as required.
2. Serves on medical/dental staff meetings as assigned and participates in the quality assurance program of the center.
3. Assists in the provision of continuing education, on-the-job training and orientation of center staff as requested.
4. Assists in the provision of technical assistance and health education to the community as requested.
5. The incumbent of this position is under the general supervision of the Dental Director. The clinical work of the incumbent is expected to be definitive, and is evaluated through the Quality Assurance Program of the Center.
6. The work of the position consists of the broad functions of dental medicine, education, prevention, cure, and rehabilitation. Assignments are categorized by demand and intensity of effort and generally involve the simultaneous application of multiple distinct skills, knowledge, and abilities in the care of one or more patients.
7. The work of the position involves moderate risks with exposure to contagious diseases (including TB, Hepatitis, and AIDS) adverse weather, occasionally hostile patients, various dental materials (including mercury), dental power equipment, and radiation.
8. The purpose of the contact with individuals or groups is to educate, influence, and motivate the individuals and groups to understand and to accept recommended medical/dental therapies.