

**SPECIAL SERVICE FOR GROUPS  
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Title:** Benefits Specialist II  
**FLSA:** Non-Exempt, Full Time  
**Pay Range or Rate:** DOE

**Division:** HOPICS/Benefits Advocacy Services Program  
**Supervisor:** Program Manager  
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Summary

Under the direction of the Program Manager the Benefit Specialist II is responsible for completion of Initial Applications for Social Security Supplemental Income Benefits, benefits advocacy and communication with determination agencies.

Essential Functions

- Conduct Initial Application appointments, prepare client files, screen for eligibility at first face to face contact with potential clients.
- Copy, fax, retrieve and respond to voice messages within 24hours;
- Collect data and enter information into HMIS and CHAMP systems within 24 hours of contact;
- Assist with addressing data errors if any.
- Fully complete Initial Application for SDI, SSI, and CAPI benefits.
- Request, follow up and obtain medical records that pertain to the individual's disability.
- Submit required and requested information to SSA,VA, DDS and medical providers within requested deadlines to ensure completeness of application.
- Maintain blank SSA forms.
- Submit Productivity Reports, Weekly Report, and Demographic Reports on a weekly basis.
- Must utilize processor, create spreadsheets and database applications and conduct internet research as necessary.
- Responsible for issuing, tracking and reconciling bus tokens.
- Work in coordination with the CBEST Customer Service Representative, Receptionist in regards to company van usage and transportation.
- Be punctual and prepared for all client application appointments and case conferencing meetings with DHS and Inner City Law Center.
- Work collaboratively with the Peer Advocates and Medical Advocates to assist clients establish a medical home, establish medical evidence and build a strong case for SSA benefits.
- Provide back up support to other BSII's or BSI's if they call out sick.
- Coordination with the SPA 6 CES providers
- Work in coordination with SSA, Inner City Law, DHS, DPSS, Office of Veteran's Affairs and medical providers
- Enroll participants and enter data into CHAMP and LRS within 24 hours of contact.
- Assist with preparation project reports in accordance with funding requirements.
- Attend in all mandatory program and division meetings and trainings, as assigned by his/her supervisor and division director.
- Maintain appropriate boundaries; and adhere to SSG's Code of Ethics and HOPICS Core Values.
- Represent the Agency in a professional manner at meetings and community events.
- Maintain files/records on client services in compliance with HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2 and other funding requirements for audit purposes.
- Regular attendance required.
- Other duties as needed.

Secondary Functions

Perform other duties as assigned by the Program Manager. Overtime, holiday, or weekend work maybe be required.

Minimum Qualifications - Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required

Bachelor's Degree. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and Internet. If in recovery, a minimum of three (3) years of being drug and alcohol free is required. Knowledge of basic filing structure, ability to organize and manage multiple priorities. Ability to do concise documentation and effectively communicate in written and verbal form. Experience working with homeless families and the ability to work with clients from diverse culture,

ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. Neat and professional appearance. Attention to detail and punctuality are required; Ability to communicate effectively, both written and orally required. TB test, CPR and First Aid certification required. *(Note: Results may not be more than (3) months prior to or (7) days after date of hire and renewed annual thereafter.)*

#### Supervisory Responsibilities

This position does not have any supervisory responsibilities.

#### Environmental Conditions (Working Conditions)

This position is responsible to work in “client friendly” environments and may be required to visit other shelters and partner agencies. There is some responsibility to work in noisy environments where children and unstable adults are few to talk loud and expressive.

#### Physical Requirements

The Intake Specialist/ Receptionist staff typically spends time sitting, standing, walking, carrying (max .25lbs), listening, speaking, and typing.

#### Mental Requirements

This position will require the individual be able to handle any/all of the following: constant distractions, interruptions, uncontrollable changes in priorities/work schedules: to be able to process information, think and conceptualize.

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