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### Summary

Certified Registered Nurse with over 20years of experience in clinical and non-clinical, well vast with knowledge in Critical Care Nursing, Homecare, Care Coordination, Utilization Review, Denials and Appeals process and Clinical Documentation. I am a highly organized practitioner with strong verbal and written communication skills. I have been recognized for efficiency and effectiveness and was a recipient of the CECA award, a professional award by my peers. I have exceptional talent for training and motivating team members in achieving the desired needs of the patient and organization goals and also a multi-tasker, who thrives in a fast-paced environment. I am committed to maintaining confidentiality of professional and financial information of staff, patient and the organization as well as adhering to JACHO and HIPAA guidelines. Proficient in Microsoft Word, Allscripts, Meditech, Cerna and 3M 360 applications.

## Professional Experience

**Hospice Care: December 2019- Present**

**Fortress Global Solutions**: **Beltsville MD**

Provides comprehensive compassionate end of life care management including crisis intervention, maximizing comfort and addressing the physical, psychological, social and spiritual need of the terminally ill patient.

**Clinical Documentation Specialist: January 2018- Present**

**Adventist Health Care- Shady Grove Hospital- Gaithersburg MD**

Completes admission reviews and assigns a working APR Diagnosis related Group as per ICD 10 Coding Classifications. Ensures the working DRG and other information are entered in the Clinical Documentation Improvement database. Identifies potential PPC and PPI and ensure appropriate documentation by the providers.

Initiates and maintains extensive interactions with physicians and mid-level providers to address the need for more detailed information in the medical records.

Collaborates with healthcare professional to ensure the severity of illness and risk of mortality level of services provided are accurately reflected in the medical record and to resolve physician queries and documentation issues prior to the patient’s discharge.

Maintains accurate records of review activities, ensuring reports and outcomes of CDI efforts are valid and coordinates with other Revenue Cycle team members.

**Clinical Documentation Specialist: November 2017- December 2018**

**Providence Hospital- Washington DC**

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**Care Management- Denial/Appeals Coordinator: June 2014 - October 2017: Providence Hospital - Washington DC**

Coordination, management, and resolution of inpatient clinical

Denials in conjunction with Care Management staff, Physician Advisor and

Collaborating with the Revenue Cycle Department.

Tracking and trending the denials, facilitating peer to peer appeals and exhaustion of all allowable levels of appeals assuring all that timelines are met.

Facilitating the development of proactive actions to prevent future denials including documentation improvement sessions with physicians and residents.

Utilization Review activities included but were not limited to: retrospective Medicaid and Medicare, initial and concurrent reviews for Commercial payers.

Strong clinical background and knowledge of Medicare and Medicaid regulations,

Third party payer systems, governing hospital reimbursement.

Participating in chart review audits for RAC, MAC and Commercial insurance auditing process.

Assisted the Utilization Review Committee in the assessment and solution of

Identified utilization review problems.

Formulates action plans for denial resolution in conjunction with various departments throughout the organization

**2011-2014: Providence Hospital**

**Care Management- Utilization Review Nurse**

**Responsibilities:**

Establishes and maintains efficient methods of ensuring the medical necessity and

Appropriateness of all hospital admissions and was primarily assigned to the

Cardiology Unit.

Performed concurrent reviews for patients to ensure that extended stays are

Medically justified and are so documented in patient's medical records.

Refers to the Utilization Review Physician Advisor all cases that do not meet

Establish guidelines for admission or continued stay.

Identify problems related to the quality of patient care, appropriateness of services

And avoidable delays affecting length of stay.

Collaborates with Social Worker and medical Team to design a structured program for safe referral process to alternate level of care for continuity and ensuring readmission prevention.

**2003-2011: Providence Hospital**

**Critical Care Nurse**

Provided highly efficient nursing care to critically ill adult patient with life

Threatening medical conditions requiring extensive monitoring and diligent

Observation and management.

ICU charge nurse, mentors and coach new employees to induct to organizational culture of service to achieve patient’s safety and satisfaction.

**Peri-operative Services:** In and out surgery nurse triaging patient for surgery,

Monitor post recovery and hemodynamic stabilization in preparation for discharge.

**2000-2003: Howard University Hospital**

Routine clinical RN/ Charge/Lead Nurse

Duties in an ICU for critically ill patients.

Collaborates with other disciplines and sub-medical specialties to implement an inter-disciplinary approach to care and delivery process.

**1998-2003:** Multiple critical care assignments with temporary agencies at George

Washington University Hospital and Georgetown Hospital

**1996- 1998: Prince Georges Hospital Center**:

Critical Care Nurse at Level- 1 Trauma Center providing specialized care with

Critically ill trauma patients, monitoring and management of patient status post

Coronary Bypass surgery, Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump monitoring.

**1995: Doctors Community Hospital**

**Medical-surgical nursing care to Orthopedics and Oncology patient**

**Education: Prince Georges community College**

**Associate Degree in Nursing, June 1995**

License: **District of Columbia: Registered Nurse: RN 67008**

**Expire: 6/30/2020**

**Strong knowledge of McKesson InterQual Review Criteria**

**ICD-10 coding guidelines and 3M 360 Encompass.**

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