

STATE OF OHIO (DAS)

CLASSIFICATION

SPECIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION SERIES:

Disease Intervention

SERIES NO.:

6523

MAJOR AGENCIES:

Health

EFFECTIVE DATE:

02/26/2012

SERIES PURPOSE:

The purpose of the disease intervention occupation is to ensure that persons exposed & at-risk to immunodeficiency virus & sexually transmitted diseases (i.e., STD) are properly evaluated, tested & treated in accordance with STD program guidelines & protocols.

Incumbents counsel, interview & educate clients, make referrals, conduct field investigations & consult with health providers.

CLASS TITLE:

Disease Intervention Specialist

CLASS NUMBER:

65231

EFFECTIVE DATE:

08/20/1995

CLASS CONCEPT:

The full performance level class works under general supervision & requires thorough knowledge of behavioral or social science or health in order to counsel, interview, educate & refer persons at risk to immunodeficiency virus & sexually transmitted diseases (i.e., STD) to social/ health providers, conduct field investigations & consult with health providers.

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EFFECTIVE DATE:

08/20/1995

JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)

Conducts pre & post test HIV counseling sessions at counseling & testing sites, sexually transmitted disease clinics or in other settings, addresses concerns of clients, answers questions & maintains strict confidentiality of all information obtained including but not limited to risk behavior, demographics & test results (e.g., explains benefits & possible ramifications of HIV testing; focuses counseling efforts on risk reduction behavior education; provides post-test counseling & informs patients of test results in accordance with current protocols & guidelines; provides emotional support & technical guidance to stimulate clients toward positive health behaviors; motivates patients to furnish names & locating data for sexual partners & other persons at risk; refers clients for medical evaluation, TB testing & to human services support systems), consults with health care providers & other agencies having impact on disease intervention (e.g., identifies & analyzes concerns related to improper testing, diagnosis or treatment of infected persons; provides assistance to laboratories regarding improper reporting of STD results, guidance to resolve reporting concerns & assists in interpreting lab results; interprets & explains practical reasons for employing departmental regulations & policies, laws, rules & Center for Disease Control guidelines), & prepares for & conducts field investigations of persons at-risk for sexually transmitted disease & immunodeficiency in assigned multi-county area.

Conducts personal interviews, reinterviews & cluster interviews with persons designated as high priority who are infected or at-risk of being infected with STD/immunodeficiency virus; performs analysis for high priority cases of STD (e.g., syphilis) including determination of probable source of spread relationships & development of agenda for prospective reinterviews; provides patients with information regarding course of disease(s), prevention of reinfection & actions to take if infections are noted.

Ensures immediate, sensitive & professional notification process for persons exposed to HIV positive clients; ensures rapid examination of persons at risk for STD other than HIV through immediate initial referral, continual surveillance & documentation & repeated follow-up as necessary in field.

Conducts gonorrhea screening site quality assurance visitations to ensure accurate & appropriate screening of gonorrhea & chlamydia screening reporting & laboratory procedures yearly; conducts quality assurance inventories on number of HIV counselors & HIV test site facilities on bi-annual basis to establish & maintain STD/HIV program expertise & credibility; conducts visits to gonorrhea & chlamydia sentinel sites on quarterly basis to discuss/analyze morbidity, media problems, collection of specimens & other concerns related to screening project.

Completes required paperwork (e.g., travel vouchers; activity reports; narratives); performs HIV/STD education & consultation for targeted health care providers; collects human biological specimens in field as necessary; transports specimens to health department; participates on statewide task force to identify & assess barriers to disease prevention, analyze program needs & develop plan to establish relationships with community-based agencies; transports persons to health department.

Trains & provides technical assistance to newly hired/less experienced disease intervention specialists; demonstrates didactic teaching; prepares & delivers on-going orientation & training to update staff; compiles monthly statistical reports for delivery to local health departments in assigned district.

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of behavioral or social science or health; public relations*; interviewing; counseling; sexually transmitted diseases & immunodeficiency virus (e.g., cause, symptoms & control)*; Center for Disease Control & state policies, procedures & laws governing sexually transmitted disease & immunodeficiency virus prevention program*. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts & draw valid conclusions; prepare meaningful, concise & accurate reports; handle controversial subject matter & sensitive face to face encounters confidentially & professionally; develop good rapport with clients & health care professionals.

(*)Developed after employment.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:

Completion of undergraduate core program in social or behavioral science, health, or comparable field of study; must be able to provide own transportation.

-Or 24 mos. exp. in position with primary emphasis on human relations which included counseling or interviewing; must be able to provide own transportation.

-Or equivalent of Minimum Class Qualifications For Employment noted above.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:

Successful completion of Medical Aspects of HIV/STD, Venipuncture, Introduction to Disease Intervention, HIV Counselor Training & Targeted STD/HIV Counseling per Center for Disease Control guidelines & protocol.

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:

May be required to obtain human biological specimens; may be exposed to bio-hazardous substances; requires travel; may work evenings & weekends; travels alone to high crime neighborhoods; may be exposed to persons who are hostile, armed &/or on drugs; may be exposed to unsanitary & rodent/insect infested dwellings during field investigations.