PUBLIC HEALTH AIDE

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Visits and advises low income families and communities on health matters and related available services and gets their active participation in health programs; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is non-professional work of a potentially difficult nature which involves person to person contact with members of low income families and residents of areas where interpretation, motivation, changing of health habits and understanding are crucial. The work is performed under the general supervision and technical training of public health professionals.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:
Visits residents of disadvantaged areas, informing them of available public health services; Develops an understanding among low income families of the need for preventive health care; Urges individual and community participation in special public health programs such as rat control, chest X-Rays and immunization clinics; Refers certain health and social problems to appropriate Health Department staff or agencies; Conducts demonstrations and group discussions on practical application of good health practices; Circulates in public places in target area, being available to answer individual questions concerning public health programs; Keeps abreast of changes and additions to the public health program and advises members of target area about same; Makes oral and written reports to supervisors.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:
Thorough knowledge of available health-related community services; good knowledge of terms indigenous to area or ethnic group in which work is performed; ability to communicate and get along well with others; ability to establish and maintain a rapport with under-privileged persons and to work without prejudices; ability to express oneself orally and in writing; ability to identify problems and offer solutions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Qualifications determined by appointing authority.

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