

# West Cecil Health Center, Inc. & Qualified Subsidiaries

## Job Description

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**Title:** Optometrist

**Job #:**

**Department:**

**Reports to:** President/CEO

**FLSA Status:** Exempt

**Board Approved:**

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### **POSITION SUMMARY**

The Optometrist will be responsible for diagnosing, managing, and treating conditions and diseases of the human eye and visual system. This includes examining eyes and visual system, diagnosing problems or impairments, prescribing corrective lenses, and providing treatment. May prescribe therapeutic drugs to treat specific eye conditions.

### **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

- Examine eyes, using observation, instruments and pharmaceutical agents, to determine visual acuity and perception, focus and coordination and to diagnose diseases and other abnormalities such as glaucoma or color blindness.
- Analyze test results and develop a treatment plan.
- Prescribe, supply, fit and adjust eyeglasses, contact lenses and other vision aids.
- Prescribe medications to treat eye diseases if state laws permit.
- Educate and counsel patients on contact lens care, visual hygiene, lighting arrangements and safety factors.
- Consult with and refer patients to ophthalmologist or other health care practitioner if additional medical treatment is determined necessary.
- Remove foreign bodies from the eye.
- Provide patients undergoing eye surgeries, such as cataract and laser vision correction, with pre- and post-operative care.
- Prescribe therapeutic procedures to correct or conserve vision.
- Provide vision therapy and low vision rehabilitation.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Possesses a Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree
- Possesses a current valid license for O.D. and optometry by the State Maryland.
- Required knowledge of current Optometric technology and practices

**SPECIFIC SKILLS:**

- Provides complex information to the organization.
- Possesses a high level of verbal and written communication skills including the ability to respond accordingly to patient and staff needs.
- At a minimum the candidate must have intermediate computer skills including the ability to prepare internal and external correspondence and reports, and be able to summarize data from the electronic medical records system.

**EXPERIENCE:**

- A minimum of 5 years' experience working in an outpatient medical facility, FQHC experience is preferred.

**NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

None

**WORKING CONDITIONS AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

- General office environment
- Frequent time spent in WCHC patient care sites
- Occasional travel

**OTHER DUTIES**

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

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Employee signature below constitutes employee's understanding of the requirements, essential functions, and duties of the position.

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Employee Signature

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Date