DHHS MANAGED CARE EPIDEMIOLOGIST

DESCRIPTION: Under administrative supervision, coordinates the collaboration of the Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Program (NMMCP) with public health organizations and third part insurance plans to enhance the usefulness of the NMMCP encounter data system, design and evaluate impact of quality assurance programs, and provide technical assistance to third party health insurance plans.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all of the duties that may be assigned.)

Coordinates the in-depth evaluation of the NMMCP encounter data system, determining the methodology of how to evaluate the quality of submitted encounter data.

Coordinates the encounter data system continuing quality improvement activities.

Collaborate with NMMCP, DHHS prevention programs, federal agencies, and national quality assurance organizations on quality improvement projects for managed care enrollees. Determine how to utilize encounter data and other health data systems to evaluate the impact of quality assurance programs on the health care services provided to NMMCP enrollees.

Provide technical assistance to third party health insurance plans to improve the report of health data on managed care enrollees.

Prepare reports on the NMMCP encounter data system, conduct studies and prepare related scientific publications on evaluations of the encounter data system and quality assurance projects.

 FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED: (These may be acquired on the job and are needed to perform the work assigned.)

Knowledge of: background, philosophy, and objectives of federal and state public health programs; federal and state laws and regulations that govern the managed care program; organizational structure, functions, rules, policies, and standards of DHHS, DHHS health data systems, and DHHS health data inquiry systems.

Ability to: make formal and informal presentations, utilize team facilitation techniques, coordinate system analysis, and determine appropriate study methodology.

ENTRY LEVEL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED: (Applicants will be screened for possession of these through written, oral, performance, and/or other evaluations.)

Knowledge of: Epidemiological principles, practices , and techniques relative to study of health data, statistical inference and theory, and research protocols.

Ability to: communicate orally and in writing to express clear and concise ideas, organize data and information, relate effectively with people representing a wide variety of backgrounds, lead and facilitate work teams, analyze and interpret epidemiological data, and resolve problems.

JOB PREPARATION GUIDELINES: (Entry knowledge, skills and/or abilities may be acquired through, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, the following coursework/training and/or experience.)

Any combination of training and/or experience that will enable the incumbent to possess the required entry knowledge, skills and abilities. A general qualification guideline would be a Master's degree in epidemiology or public health and experience in the application of epidemiological principles and practices.