DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under the general supervision of the Commissioner of Health and direct supervision of the appropriate program director, this position is responsible for management and delivery of specialized medical service within a Neighborhood Health Center. Areas of responsibility include the planning of a health care program related to the physician's specialty with emphasis upon preventive health measures; the diagnosis and treatment of patients in the specialty area; the coordination of the physician's specialty with other medical disciplines and with other members of the health care team. Supervision may be exercised over a few technical, medical or clerical employees. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Plans the diagnosis, treatment and follow-up procedures for the health care team assigned to the specialty including routine laboratory procedures;

Takes medical histories;

Performs physical examinations;

Prescribes treatment and/or medication;

Decides on case disposition, i.e., return visits, laboratory tests, nursing follow-up, referral to other specialties, etc.;

When appropriate, prepares a health care plan for the patient with the appropriate member of the health care team (public health nurses, community worker, social workers, or other disciplines, if required);

Reviews patient records periodically to insure proper completion of the patient's chart and medical care;

Attends case conferences involving the patients;

Continues education by attending appropriate meetings, i.e., W.C.M.C. Pediatric Conference, Conferences on obstetrics and gynecology at W.C.M.C. etc.;

Carries out assigned responsibilities as a member of the staff of the back up hospital;

Works with the Advisory Committee and other community people as needed to effectively carry out responsibilities to them.
REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of the medical area of specialization; thorough knowledge of the methods used in handling patients in a clinic setting; skill in the diagnosis of usual and unusual medical complaints related to the area of specialization; ability to plan and maintain an effective health program within the area of specialization, including an integration of preventive, prophylactic and therapeutic objectives into the program; ability to assume responsibility for the medical administrative functions related to the area of specialization and program; planning ability; excellent interpersonal skills; good judgment; physical condition commensurate with the requirements of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from an accredited and/or approved medical school*, completion of an approved internship and license to practice medicine issued by the State of New York.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary must be from an institution accredited or recognized by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.