General Statement of Duties

Conducts interviews to determine initial and on-going financial eligibility for public assistance programs, enters client information into a complex computer system, analyzes information against numerous public assistance programs and their related regulations, and refers clients to a variety of internal and external resources/services.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This classification conducts interviews to determine initial and on-going financial eligibility for public assistance programs. The Eligibility Technician II is distinguished from an Eligibility Technician I that receives training in the applicable federal and state laws and county rules and regulations of financial eligibility and develops the knowledge and skills to determine eligibility for public assistance programs. This classification is distinguished from an Eligibility Specialist that performs advanced level eligibility work that involves extensive client interaction and resolving complex eligibility issues.

There are four classifications in the eligibility series. The Eligibility Technician I is an entry level classification. The Eligibility Technician II classification performs full performance eligibility work and the Eligibility Specialist classification performs advanced level eligibility work. The Lead Eligibility Technician performs permanently assigned lead work over eligibility technicians.

Essential Duties

Conducts interviews with applicants and conducts application review in order to determine applicant eligibility for public assistance programs including but not limited to cash assistance, food assistance, and Medicaid.

Elicits and verifies pertinent eligibility information such as employment, income, residence, property ownership, rent, household expenses, and other banking and financial resources, assists applicants to obtain additional information and resolve discrepancies, and answers applicant questions regarding eligibility.

Determines initial and on-going eligibility for public assistance programs in accordance with federal and state laws, county rules and regulations, and approves and issues benefits.

Records client information, enters and updates information into complex state and county computer systems, and responds to inquiries about client records for administrative state hearings, federal reviews, fraud investigations, and federal and state program management and evaluation.

Ensures benefit calculations made by the state computer system are accurate in order to reduce/eliminate errors. Impact of financial errors is significant due to state and federal sanctions.

Explains rights and responsibilities to clients and provides referrals to non-profit agencies and other service providers to facilitate a comprehensive solution to the client’s issues.

Monitors changes in client’s status, contacts clients to verify changes, and makes appropriate adjustments to eligibility and support payments.

Monitors changes in the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) and adjusts work processes to ensure accurate provision of benefits.

Performs other related duties as assigned.
Any one position may not include all of the duties listed. However, the allocation of positions will be determined by the amount of time spent in performing the essential duties listed above.

**Competencies**

Attention of Detail – Is thorough when performing work and conscientious about attending to detail.

Customer Service – Interacts with customers in a friendly and professional manner, works to resolve issues quickly and effectively, and is knowledgeable about products and services.

Decision Making - Specifies goals and obstacles to achieving those goals, generates alternatives, considers risks, and evaluates and chooses the best alternative in order to make a determination, draw conclusions, or solve a problem.

Interpersonal Skills – Shows understanding, friendliness, courtesy, tact, empathy, cooperation, concern, and politeness to others and relates well to different people from varied backgrounds and different situations.

Reading – Understands and interprets written material, including technical material, rules, regulations, instructions, reports, charts, graphs, or tables; applies what is learned from written material to specific situations.

Writing – Writes in a clear, concise, organized, and convincing manner for the intended audience.

**Knowledge & Skills**

Knowledge of interviewing techniques sufficient to be able to elicit information.

**Level of Supervision Exercised**

None

**Education Requirement**

Graduation from high school or the possession of a GED, HiSET or TASC Certificate.

**Experience Requirement**

Three (3) years of technical/specialized clerical experience, including one year of experience determining eligibility for public assistance programs.

**Education & Experience Equivalency**

Additional appropriate education may be substituted for the minimum experience requirements.

**Licensure & Certification**

None

**Working Environment**

Subject to many interruptions.
Subject to long irregular hours.
Pressure due to multiple call and inquiries.

**Level of Physical Demand**

1-Sedentary (0-10 lbs.)
Physical Demands

(Physical Demands are a general guide and specific positions will vary based on working conditions, locations, and agency/department needs.):

- Color vision: Ability to distinguish and identify different colors.
- Depth Perception: Ability to judge distances and space relationships.
- Eye/Hand/Foot Coordination: Performing work through using two or more body parts or other devices.
- Field of Vision: Ability to sharply detect or perceive objects peripherally.
- Fingering: Picking and pinching, through use of fingers or otherwise.
- Handling: Seizing, holding, grasping, through use of hands, fingers, or other means.
- Hearing: Perceiving and comprehending the nature and direction of sounds.
- Lifting: Moving objects weighing no more than 10 pounds from one level to another.
- Repetitive motions: Making frequent or continuous movements.
- Sitting: Remaining in a stationary position.
- Talking: Communicating ideas or exchanging information.
- Vision Near Acuity: Ability to perceive or detect objects at 20 inches or less.

Background Check Requirement

- Criminal Check
- Employment Verification

Assessment Requirement

None

Probation Period

Six (6) months.

Class Detail

- Pay Grade: A-614
- FLSA Code: N
- Established Date: 9/21/2018
- Established By: LS
- Revised Date: 
- Revised By:

Class History: