

DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: MIDAMERICA

Classification: CERTIFIED OPHTHALMIC ASSISTANT

Applicant Name:

Certified Ophthalmic Assistant:

The Certified Ophthalmic Assistant must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.

Definition of Care or Service:

The Certified Ophthalmic Assistant assists under the direct supervision of an Ophthalmologist (eye doctor) to provide patient care by performing many different eye-related clinical functions. Scope of Service may include:

- Taking patient medical histories
- Instructing patients about medications, tests, and procedures
- Coordinating patient scheduling
- Perform a variety of routine tests using ophthalmic instruments that provide diagnostic information including, but not limited to, intraocular pressures, basic motility, visual fields, PAM and BAT tests, A-Scan ultrasonography and fundus photography.
- Assist the physician during diagnostic and minor surgical procedures, including instrumentation, sterile preparations and documentation.
- Administer topical medications or diagnostic drugs as required by the provider for testing or treatment.
- Prepare and position patient for diagnostic tests and procedures.
- Record patient charges for billing department.
- Prepare procedure and exam rooms; inventory equipment and supplies; replenish supplies and equipment.
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA Healthcare conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians

Setting(s):

- Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, clinics and physician practices
 - Monitoring may occur in all patient care areas, including Surgery, Emergency Department,
 Critical Care, and general acute settings

Supervision: Direct supervision by Ophthalmologist

Evaluators: Supervising Ophthalmologist; department director or designee

Tier Level: 3

eSAF Access Required: YES

Qualifications:

- One of the below required:
 - High school diploma or GED with experience in an ophthalmology setting and trained as an Ophthalmology Assistant
 - Medical Assistant who is a graduate of a Medical Assistant program trained as an Ophthalmology Assistant



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- High school diploma or GED plus successful completion of a JRCOMP (Joint Review Committee for Ophthalmic Medical Personnel) approved program for Ophthalmology Assistants
- Current Certification as an Ophthalmic Assistant
- American Heart Association health care provider BLS Certification

NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check

State Requirements:

N/A

Experience:

Minimum 1-2 years related experience and/or training

Competencies:

The Certified Ophthalmic Assistant will demonstrate:

- Accurate patient information review and evaluation
 - Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
 - Verifies that the requested procedure correlates with the patient's clinical history, presentation and physician order
 - Participates in the pre-procedure (Universal Protocol) process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible
 - Accesses the patient medical record appropriately
 - Documents in the medical record according to the facility standard / policy
 - o Participates in a time-out immediately before the start of an invasive procedure or making of the incision
- Safe and effective use of equipment and products for treatment
 - Applies equipment/products according to Ophthalmologist treatment orders
 - o Follows the manufacturer's recommendations for equipment and product utilization
 - o Initiates ophthalmology equipment/product safely and efficiently
 - Monitor's patient tolerance of treatment including equipment/product
 - Reports treatment and patient tolerance to Ophthalmologist
- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) when required
 - Required immunizations per Division requirements
 - Complies with Isolation precautions
 - Maintains sterile field

References:

Ophthalmic Assistant Certification Requirements:

https://ophthalmictechnician.org/index.php/certified/requirements/89-ophthalmic-assistant-certification-requirements

JCAHPO COA Verification: E-mail: jcahpo.org or 800-284-3937 ext 2

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Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.

Applicant Printed Name:	 	
Signature:		
Date:	 	