

Vacancy Announcement



Physician Specialist – Clinical Support Branch Division of Medical & Dental Affairs Los Angeles County - Department of Public Health

The Department of Public Health (DPH) is one of the largest public health departments in the nation and is nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board. The department has an annual budget of over \$1.3 billion and a staff of over 5,000. DPH works to protect and improve the health and well-being of the 10 million residents within the large and diverse County through a variety of programs, community partnerships, and public health focused clinical services in 14 health centers.

Los Angeles County offers its employees a comprehensive and competitive benefits package and an attractive salary structure.

Position Summary

The Physician Specialist will serve as a vital member of the Clinical Support Branch within the Division of Medical and Dental Affairs, reporting directly to the Branch Director. This role encompasses a variety of responsibilities, including supporting the development, maintenance, and enhancement of the electronic health record (EHR) system. As a key leader of the Branch's Clinical Quality and Risk Management Unit, the position will assist with policy development, quality improvement reviews, and health center audits, and support efforts to respond to new regulatory requirements. The position will also deliver direct patient care services in DPH clinics or mobile health services, provide on-call Duty Officer coverage, and as needed, act as a secondary provider for Employee Health Services.

This is a full-time position located in downtown Los Angeles. A hybrid telework schedule is available, requiring a minimum of three days a week in the office or providing direct patient care.

Requirements

- California Physician and Surgeon's License.
- California Driver License or ability to utilize other transportation when needed.
- Completion of a residency and eligibility approved by an American Specialty Board in one or more of the following: Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, and/or Preventive Medicine.

Key Responsibilities

- Review and direct modifications and upgrades to the Online Real-Time Computerized Health Information Database (ORCHID) EHR and serve as a DPH subject matter expert for the ORCHID working committees.
- Work collaboratively with PH Quality and Risk Management, Nursing, and the Public Health Laboratory to develop and review standards of practice to ensure that DPH provides high-quality clinical care.
- Conduct health center audits, respond to inquiries from regulatory agencies, and address patient and visitor complaints regarding staff and facilities.
- Work with DPH Clinic Services on service expansion and quality improvement initiatives directed toward overall health equity and disease prevention.
- Provide direct patient care services in DPH Sexual Health Clinics, Tuberculosis Clinics, Refugee Health Assessment Program, and/or mobile health services for a minimum of two sessions a week.
- Serve as a backup Employee Health Services physician.
- Assist physician providers in communicable disease outbreaks, including ordering diagnostic tests and taking overnight on-call duty, for at least five one-week sessions per year, as needed.
- Provide consultations to hospitals and other medical providers during public health disasters and emergencies, and complete mandated duties as a Disaster Service Worker in emergencies.
- Oversee credentialing and privileging.

Ideal experience and attributes

- The ideal candidate would have the following experience and attributes:
- Be adept and excited about applying new ideas and technology to improve public health clinical care and operations
- Be able to guide change management, undertake substantial responsibility, and lead multi-disciplinary teams
- Have advanced scientific knowledge in medical practice and medical research, with a focus on promoting the dissemination of high-quality healthcare
- Have experience in the development and review of health policies and standards of practice
- Have experience in conducting quality of care audits and responding to regulatory audits.
- Be familiar with the principles of health equity and Just Culture
- Be proactive and have a solution-oriented attitude
- Have excellent oral and written communication skills

How to apply

For more information about this position, please contact Maxine Liggins, MD, MPH, Director, Clinical Support Branch, Division of Medical and Dental Affairs, DPH at mliggins@ph.lacounty.gov.

If you are interested in this position, please submit a cover letter and resume to Sara Delois Haynes at medicalaffairs@ph.lacounty.gov **AND** complete an application for the Physician Specialist exam for both Health Services ([Exam No. Y5476E](#)) and Public Health ([Exam No. PH5476A](#)) at governmentjobs.com/careers/lacounty (if you are not already on the list of physicians eligible for Physician Specialist). Note that the online application is for physicians filling various positions in the County but does not include information specific to this position.