SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY ADVOCATE Part Time (20 Hours Per week) Position description March 16, 2020

Community Advocates seeks a qualified individual to provide assessments for individuals applying for Social Security Disability Benefits (SSDI/SSI Responsibilities and qualifications are as follows).

Responsibilities

- 1. As part of a team of disability advocates and attorneys, manage caseload of clients seeking disability benefits.
- 2. Develop and maintain a thorough and current understanding of the disability application and appeals process.
- 3. Provide zealous, conscientious and competent information to clients at all stages of the disability appeals process, including representation at administrative hearings.
- 4. Stay current on changes in Social Security rules and regulations related to SSDI and SSI.
- 5. Provide trainings on Social Security disability issues to consumers and professionals.
- 6. Provide information, advocacy and referral to clients on other health care and public benefits matters, including but not limited to Medicaid, Medicare, BadgerCare, Social Security, IDAP, W-2 and FoodShare.
- 7. Comply with monthly reporting requirements.
- 8. Attend periodic trainings, conferences, and professional development courses.
- 9. Communicate appropriately and effectively with clients and the agencies which refer them.
- 10. Maintain client files in an organized manner at all times.
- 11. Treat all clients with dignity and respect.
- 12. Other duties as assigned.

Required qualifications

- 1. Bachelor's degree
- 2. Knowledge of and/or experience with Social Security disability programs (preferred) and other public benefits programs.
- 3. Experience working with persons with disabilities, and/or with low income individuals and families.
- 4. Superior writing skills
- 5. Valid driver's license and insured automobile
- 6. Bilingual (Spanish, Hmong, and/or Russian) (preferred)

Compensation and benefits

Compensation commensurate with qualifications and experience. Community Advocates offers an outstanding working environment and a competitive benefits package.

Interested individuals should send a resume, professional references, and writing sample to <u>maudwellak@communityadvocates.net</u>, or to

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No telephone inquiries, please. Application deadline is April 6, 2020