

4755-7-01

Supervision.

Supervision must ensure consumer protection.

(A) The following provisions apply to supervision of limited permit holders and occupational therapy assistants:

(1) A supervising occupational therapist shall adhere to the following criteria:

(a) Be licensed, and in good standing, by the occupational therapy section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy and athletic trainers board; and

(b) When maintaining a separate caseload, a 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) occupational therapist will supervise no more than four FTE limited permit holders and/or occupational therapy assistants; and

(c) When performing client evaluations and supervision only, with no client treatment responsibilities, a 1.0 FTE occupational therapist will supervise no more than six FTE limited permit holders and/or occupational therapy assistants; and

(d) A supervising occupational therapist with the status of less than 1.0 FTE shall supervise a proportionate number of occupational therapy assistants and limited permit holders.

(2) The supervising occupational therapist shall confirm that the limited permit holder and/or occupational therapy assistant hold current permits or licenses to practice occupational therapy as provided in section ~~4755.074~~4755.08 of the Revised Code, prior to allowing the limited permit holder and/or occupational therapy assistant to engage in the practice of occupational therapy.

(3) Any documentation written by an occupational therapy assistant or a limited permit holder for inclusion in the client's official record shall be co-signed by the supervising occupational therapist.

(B) Supervision of the limited permit holder, as defined in section ~~4755.074~~4755.08 of the Revised Code, does not require the supervising occupational therapist to be on-site, but the supervisor must be available for consultation with the limited permit holder at all times. The supervisor and the limited permit holder must meet in person a minimum of once per week.

(1) The occupational therapist limited permit holder and the occupational therapy

assistant limited permit holder must be supervised by a licensed occupational therapist.

- (2) Supervision requires an interactive process between the supervising occupational therapist and the limited permit holder. The interactive process must include, but is not limited to, review of the following: client assessment, reassessment, treatment plan, intervention and the discontinuation of intervention, and/or treatment plan. Co-signing client documentation alone does not meet the minimum level of supervision.
- (3) The supervising occupational therapist shall consult with the limited permit holder before the limited permit holder's initiation of any client's treatment plan and/or modification of the treatment plan.
- (4) It is the responsibility of the occupational therapy practitioner to establish evidence that the supervision as set forth in rule 4755-7-01 of the Administrative Code has occurred according to the established guidelines. This evidence may be included in the client records or exist as a separate document, such as a supervision log.

(C) Supervision of the occupational therapy assistant as defined in division (C) of section 4755.01(C)4755.04 of the Revised Code, requires initial direction and periodic inspection of the service delivery and relevant in-service training. The supervising occupational therapist need not be on-site, but must be available for consultation with the occupational therapy assistant at all times.

- (1) The supervising occupational therapist must provide supervision, a minimum of once per week, to all occupational therapy assistants who are in their first year of practice.
- (2) The supervising occupational therapist must provide supervision, a minimum of once per month, to all occupational therapy assistants beyond their first year of practice.
- (3) Supervision requires an interactive process between the supervising occupational therapist and the occupational therapy assistant. The interactive process must include, but is no limited to, review of the following: client assessment, reassessment, treatment plan, intervention and the discontinuation of intervention, and/or treatment plan. Co-signing client documentation alone does not meet the minimum level of supervision.
- (4) It is the responsibility of the occupational therapy practitioner to establish

evidence that the supervision as set forth in rule 4755-7-01 of the Administrative Code has occurred according to the established guidelines. This evidence may be included in the client records or exist as a separate document, such as a supervision log.

(D) The following provisions apply to supervision of level II occupational therapy students:

- (1) A supervising occupational therapy practitioner shall adhere to the following criteria:
 - (a) Be licensed, and in good standing, by the occupational therapy section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy and athletic trainers board; and
 - (b) Must have completed one year of clinical practice experience as a fully licensed occupational therapy practitioner.
- (2) The supervising occupational therapy practitioner shall only assign duties or functions to the occupational therapy student that are commensurate with his/her education and training.
- (3) An occupational therapy student shall be supervised by an occupational therapist. An occupational therapy assistant student shall be supervised by a licensed occupational therapist or a licensed occupational therapy assistant.

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