

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES

Office of Occupational Therapy Licensure

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULES AND REGULATIONS

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[Editor's Notes follow the text of the rules at the end of this CCR Document.]

1.19 Expanded Scope of Practice for Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 038

- A. The basis for these rules is Executive Order D 2020-038 issued by Governor Jared Polis pursuant to the State of Emergency Declaration found in Executive Orders 2020 003, 2020 027 and 2020 032, Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, sections 24-33.5-701, et. seq., C.R.S., and sections 12-20-204 and 12-270-116, C.R.S.
- B. These Emergency Rules are adopted by the Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations (Director) to effectuate Executive Order D 2020 038 directing the immediate expansion of the workforce of trained medical personnel available to provide healthcare services within inpatient facilities due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in Colorado.
- C. Expanded Scope of Practice. Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants may perform services while working in a hospital or inpatient facility as delegated by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, professional nurses and respiratory therapists.
 - 1. Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are authorized to perform delegated services upon adequate cross-training as determined necessary by the hospital or inpatient facility.
 - 2. Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants shall not accept delegation of a service for which the licensee does not possess the knowledge, skill or training to perform.
 - 3. Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants shall not perform a delegated service for which the licensee does not possess the knowledge, skill or training to perform.
 - 4. Delegated services shall not be re-delegated to another person or licensee by the delegatee
 - 5. Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants shall not prescribe or select medications, perform surgical or other invasive procedures or perform anesthesia services regardless of delegation.

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