AGENCY: NC Board of Occupational Therapy

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 38 .0103

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Thursday, June 7, 2018

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (1), since "ADL" is used elsewhere, would it be appropriate to add "ADL" here?

In (2), please delete "specific"

In (6), please add a comma after "financial management." Also, since "IADL" is used elsewhere, would it be appropriate to add it here?

In (13)(a), please add a comma after "psychosocial"

In (13)(c), please change "which" to "that"

In (14), please delete "currently"

In (15)(c)(ii), please change "community/work" to "community and work" or "community or work."

In (15)(c)(viii), please add a comma after "work" and "school"

In (15)(c)(xiii), please delete the comma after "modalities"

In (16), delete "currently"

In (19), please change "it implies" to "it means"

In (21), please add a comma after "exchanges"

In (21), line 116-117, since there appears to now only be direct supervision for students and assistants and direct supervision for unlicensed personnel and volunteers, is this necessary? It does not appear as though there are options for movement at this point since the "close supervision" provision has been deleted.

In (21), it appears to me that the definition of "supervision" is actually intended to be the definition for "general supervision." I say this because throughout your rules, you reference "general supervision" and "direct supervision." Also, the definition of "direct supervision" directly contradicts the definition of "supervision." Please clarify. A suggestion is as follows (please note that I've made my suggestions in blue and have tried to format them accordingly – this is only a suggestion and you are in no way required ot use it. If you choose to use it, please ensure the accuracy and feel free to make any changes you deem necessary):

- "Supervision" is the process by which two or more people participate in joint effort to establish, maintain maintain, and elevate a level of performance to ensure the safety and welfare of clients during the provision of occupational therapy. A variety of types and methods of supervision may be used. Methods Supervision may include direct face to face contact and indirect contact. Examples of methods or types of supervision that involve face to face direct contact include observation, modeling, co treatment, discussions, teaching, instruction, [phone] [conversations, and video teleconferencing.] [Methods of observation include face to face, synchronous or asynchronous videoconferencing.] Examples of methods or types of supervision that involve indirect contact include phone conversations, written correspondence, electronic exchanges, and other methods using telecommunication technology. Supervision is structured according to the supervisee's qualifications, position, level of preparation, depth of experience and the environment within which the supervisee functions. [A change in practice setting may require a change in level of supervision until service competency has been established.] Levels of supervision are:
 - (a) "Close supervision" requires daily, direct contact at the service delivery site (where intervention plan is provided). [at least weekly:]
 - [(i) observation for a minimum of 60 minutes of occupational therapy services provided by the occupational therapy assistant; and
 - (ii) review of the occupational therapy assistant's entire caseload, observations and delegated services through direct or indirect contact.
 - "General supervision" supervision", which is required for all occupational therapy assistants. It includes a variety of types and methods of supervision and may include observation, modeling, co-treatment, discussions, teaching, instruction, phone conversations, videoconferencing, written correspondence, electronic exchanges, and other telecommunication technology. Methods of observation include face-to-face, synchronous or asynchronous videoconferencing. General supervision shall be required at least monthly monthly; and direct contact, with supervision available as needed by other methods. [or indirect contact.]
 - "Direct supervision" supervision", which is required for all [off-unlicensed personnel and volunteers. It means the Occupational Therapy supervisor must be within audible and visual range of the client and unlicensed personnel and available for immediate physical intervention. Direct supervision is required for unlicensed personnel. Videoconferencing is not allowed for direct supervision.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

1	21 NCAC 38 .010	3 is proposed for amendment with changes as follows:
2 3	21 NCAC 38 .010	DEFINITIONS
4		G.S. 90-270.67 apply to this Chapter. The following definitions also apply to the Chapter:
5		"Activities of daily living" means self-care activities.
6		"Assessment" means the specific tools or instruments that are used during the evaluation process.
7	` ´	"Client" means a person, group, program, organization, or community for whom the occupational
8		therapy practitioner is providing services.
9		"Entry-level" means a person who has no experience in a specific position, such as a new graduate, a
10		person new to the position, or a person in a new setting with no previous experience in that area of
11		practice.
12	(5)	"Evaluation" means the process of obtaining and interpreting data necessary for intervention. This
13		includes planning for and documenting the evaluation process and results.
14	(6)	"Instrumental activities of daily living" means multi-step activities to care for self and others, such as
15		household management, financial management and childcare.
16	(7)	"Intervention" means treatment.
17	(8)	"Intervention plan" is the program established by the occupational therapist for the delivery of
18		occupational therapy services. It may also be referred to as treatment plan, individualized education
19		plan (IEP), individualized family service plan (IFSP), plan of care, or other terminology as determined
20		by the occupational therapy service delivery setting.
21	(9)	"Level I Fieldwork" provides introductory level clinical training opportunities.
22	(10)	"Level II Fieldwork" provides clinical training in preparation for entry-level practice.
23	(11)	"Neglect of duty" occurs when a Board member fails to attend a majority of the official meetings of
24		the Board within any 12 month period.
25	(12)	"Occupational Therapy", as defined in G.S. 90-270.67(4), may include evaluation of activities of daily
26		living (ADL), instrumental activities of daily living (IADL), education, work, play, leisure, and social
27		participation.
28	(13)	"Occupational Therapy evaluation, treatment, and consultation" include the following:
29		(a) remediation or restitution of performance abilities that are limited due to impairment in
30		biological, physiological, psychosocial and developmental process;
31		(b) adaptation of skills, process or environment, or the teachings of compensatory techniques in
32		order to enhance performance;
33		(c) disability prevention methods and techniques which facilitate the development or safe
34		application of performance skills;
35		(d) promotion of health and wellness to those who have or are at risk for developing an illness,
36		injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation
37		restriction; and

38		(e)	interpre	tation of the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory, and other aspects of
39			perform	nance in a variety of contexts to support engagement in everyday life activities that
40			affect h	ealth, well-being, and quality of life.
41	(14)	"Occup		nerapy practitioner" means an individual currently licensed by the Board as an
42	. /	•		rapist or an occupational therapy assistant.
43	(15)	•		perapy services" include the following:
44	,	(a)		s or strategies selected to direct the process of interventions such as:
45		. /	(i)	Establishment, remediation, or restoration of a skill or ability that has not yet
46			· /	developed or is impaired;
47			(ii)	Compensation, modification, or adaptation of activity or environment to enhance
48			· /	performance;
49			(iii)	Maintenance and enhancement of capabilities without which performance in
50			,	everyday life activities would decline;
51			(iv)	Health promotion and wellness to enable or enhance performance in everyday life
52			()	activities; and
53			(v)	Prevention of barriers to performance, including disability prevention.
54		(b)	. /	ion of factors affecting activities of daily living (ADL), instrumental activities of
55		()		ving (IADL), education, work, play, leisure, and social participation, including:
56			(i)	Client factors, including body functions (such as neuromuscular, sensory, visual,
57			()	perceptual, cognitive) and body structures (such as cardiovascular, digestive,
58				integumentary, genitourinary systems);
59			(ii)	Habits, routines, roles, and behavior patterns;
60			(iii)	Cultural, physical, environmental, social, and spiritual contexts and activity
61			()	demands that affect performance; and
62			(iv)	Performance skills, including motor, process, and communication/interaction skills.
63		(c)	. /	ntions and procedures to promote or enhance safety and performance in activities of
64		()		ving (ADL), instrumental activities of daily living (IADL), education, work, play,
65			•	and social participation, including:
66			(i)	Therapeutic use of occupations, exercises, and activities;
67			(ii)	Training in self-care, self-management, home management, and community/work
68			()	reintegration;
69			(iii)	Development, remediation, or compensation of physical, cognitive, neuromuscular,
70			()	sensory functions and behavioral skills;
71			(iv)	Therapeutic use of self, including one's personality, insights, perceptions, and
72			()	judgments, as part of the therapeutic process;
73			(v)	Education and training of individuals, including family members, caregivers, and
74			()	others;

75		(vi)	Care coordination, case management, and transition services;
76		(vii)	Consultative services to groups, programs, organizations, or communities;
77		(viii)	Modification of home, work school or community environments and adaptation of
78			processes, including the application of ergonomic principles;
79		(ix)	Assessment, design, fabrication, application, fitting, and training in assistive
80			technology, adaptive devices, and orthotic devices, and training in the use of
81			prosthetic devices;
82		(x)	Assessment, recommendation, and training in techniques to enhance functional
83			mobility, including wheelchair management;
84		(xi)	Driver rehabilitation and community mobility;
85		(xii)	Management of feeding, eating, and swallowing to enable eating and feeding
86			performance; and
87		(xiii)	Application of physical agent modalities, and use of a range of specific therapeutic
88			procedures to enhance performance skills.
89	(16)	"Occupational th	nerapy student" means an individual currently enrolled in an occupational therapist or
90		occupational the	erapy assistant program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational
91		Therapy Educat	ion (ACOTE).
92	(17)	"Practice Act" r	refers to the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Practice Act found in G.S. 90-
93		270.65 et. seq.	
94	(18)	"Screening" mea	ans obtaining and reviewing data relevant to a potential client to determine the need for
95		further evaluation	on and intervention.
96	(19)	"Service Compe	tency" is the ability to provide occupational therapy services in a safe and effective
97		manner. It impli	es that two practitioners can perform the same or equivalent procedure and obtain the
98		same result.	
99	(20)	"Skilled occupation	tional" therapy services when rendered by an occupational therapist or occupational
100		therapy assistan	t means functions that require the exercise of professional occupational therapy
101		judgment, includ	ling the interpretation of referrals, screening, assessment, evaluation, development or
102		modification of	intervention plans, implementation of intervention, reassessment, or discharge
103		planning.	
104	(21)	"Supervision" is	s the process by which two or more people participate in joint effort to establish,
105		maintain and ele	evate a level of performance to ensure the safety and welfare of clients during the
106		provision of occ	cupational therapy. A variety of types and methods of supervision may be used.
107		Methods of [Su	pervision] <u>supervision</u> may include direct face-to-face contact and indirect contact.
108		Examples of m	ethods or types of supervision that involve face to face [direct] contact include
109		observation, mo	odeling, co-treatment, discussions, teaching, instruction, phone [conversations]
110		conversations,	and video teleconferencing, teleconferencing, written correspondence, electronic
111		exchanges and o	other telecommunication technology. Methods of observation include face-to-face,

112		synchronous or asynchronous videoconferencing. Examples of methods or types of supervision that
113		involve indirect contact include phone conversations, written correspondence, electronic exchanges,
114		and other methods using telecommunication technology. Supervision is structured according to the
115		supervisee's qualifications, position, level of preparation, depth of experience and the environment
116		within which the supervisee functions. A change in practice setting may require a change in level of
117		supervision until service competency has been established. Levels of supervision are:
118		(a) "Close supervision" requires daily, direct contact at the service delivery site (where
119		intervention plan is provided). [at least weekly:]
120		[(i) observation for a minimum of 60 minutes of occupational therapy services provided
121		by the occupational therapy assistant; and
122		(ii) review of the occupational therapy assistant's entire caseload, observations and
123		delegated services through direct or indirect contact.]
124		(b)(a) "General supervision" is requires required at least monthly monthly.
125		supervision available as needed by other methods. [or indirect contact.]
126		(e)(b) "Direct supervision" of unlicensed personnel and volunteers means the Occupational Therapy
127		supervisor must be within audible and visual range of the client and unlicensed personnel and
128		available for immediate physical intervention. Direct supervision is required for unlicensed
129		personnel. Videoconferencing is not allowed for direct supervision.
130	(22)	"Unlicensed personnel" means individuals within an occupational therapy setting who provide
131		supportive services to the occupational therapist and the occupational therapy assistant and who
132		function only under the guidance, responsibility, and supervision of the licensed occupational therapist
133		or occupational therapy assistant to provide only specifically selected client-related or non-client
134		related tasks for which the unlicensed personnel has been trained and has demonstrated competence.
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136	History Note:	Authority G.S. 90-270.67; 90-270.69(4);
137		Eff. July 1, 1985;
138		Amended Eff. July 1, 2007; May 1, 1989; May 1, 1987;
139		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. July 23, 2016;
140		Amended Eff. July 1, 2018.

AGENCY: NC Board of Occupational Therapy

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 38 .0803

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a), what is meant by "provided that the activities are consistent with the provisions of rules in this Section"? How is this determined?

In (a), please specify what the pre-approval is. I assume based upon the title of the rule that is for pre-approval of activities for maintaining continuing competence. Please make this clear within the text of the Rule.

How is pre-approval obtained? It looks like the old (b) provided this information, but that is being deleted. Is this information provided elsewhere in your rules or statutes?

Please end (a)(1) through (3) with semi-colons, and add an "and" at the end of (a)(2).

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

1	21 NCAC 38 .0	803 is proposed for amendment as follows:				
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3	21 NCAC 38 .0	3 APPROVAL OF ACTIVITIES FOR MAINTAINING CONTINUING				
4		COMPETENCE				
5	(a) Provided the	at the activities are consistent with the provisions of rules in this Section, the Board shall grant pre-				
6	approval to:					
7	(1)	Continuing competence activities sponsored or approved by the North Carolina Occupational Therapy				
8	(2)	Association,				
9	(2)	Continuing competence activities sponsored or approved by the American Occupational Therapy				
10	(2)	Association,				
11	(3)	Continuing competence activities sponsored by AOTA approved providers.				
12		who wishes to obtain Board approval of activities for maintaining continuing competence, consistent with				
13		nis Section, shall submit to the Board, at least 90 days in advance of the program, the following:				
14	(1)	— course description;				
15	(2)	— learning outcomes;				
16	(3)	target audience;				
17	. ,	— content focus;				
18	` '	agenda for the activity;				
19	. ,	— amount of contact hours;				
20	(7)	— qualifications for the presenter(s);				
21	(8)	sample documentation for demonstrating satisfactory completion by course participants such as				
22		certificate of completion.				
23	(c) Upon review	w of the completed application, the Board shall notify the provider as to whether or not the program has				
24	been approved.					
25	(d) (b) A provid	der of a continuing competence activity shall furnish documentation for demonstrating completion to all				
26	participants, spo	ecifying the following information:				
27	(1)	name of the participant;				
28	(2)	name of the provider;				
29	(3)	dates of the activity and completion;				
30	(4)	title and location of the activity;				
31	(5)	number of contact hours; and				
32	(6)	signature of the provider or representative.				
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34	History Note:	Authority G.S. 90-270.69; 90-270.75(a);				
35		Eff. July 1, 2007;				
36		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. July 23, 2016;				
37		<u>Amended Eff. July 1, 2018.</u>				

AGENCY: NC Board of Occupational Therapy

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

I'm a bit confused as to what is going on in this rule as the provisions appear to conflict. On line 5, the Rule says that the kind of supervision required will vary dependent upon the factors set forth in this rule; however, Item (1) seems to say that all assistants require "general supervision", but additional supervision may be provided at the discretion of the therapist and the assistant. If that's the case, please say that and delete all of the superfluous information. If not, please clarify within the rule.

On line 7, what is meant by "regulatory requirements"? Do you mean your Rules? Please clarify.

In Item (1), please note my comment above about the definition of "general supervision" in .0103. Do you mean "assistants require supervision on a monthly basis?" Since "supervision" appears to be the definition that you are getting to, would it make sense to use that term here?

In Item (2), what is meant by "supervision that is more frequent than the minimum level required by the practice setting or regulatory agencies"? Do you mean "more than general supervision as defined by 21 NCAC 38 .0103"? Please clarify.

In Item (2), line 12-13, what is meant by "regulatory agencies"? Please clarify.

In Item (2), line 16, is whether additional supervision "is necessary to ensure safe and effective delivery" in the exclusive discretion of the therapist and the assistant?

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

1 21 NCAC 38 .0903 is proposed for amendment with changes as follows: 2 3 21 NCAC 38 .0903 TYPES OF SUPERVISION 4 Occupational therapy assistants at all levels require supervision by an occupational therapist. The specific frequency, 5 methods, and content of supervision may vary by practice setting and are dependent on the complexity of client needs, 6 number and diversity of clients, demonstrated service competency of the occupational therapist and the occupational 7 therapy assistant, type of practice setting, requirements of the practice setting, and other regulatory requirements. Based 8 on this the following apply: 9 (1) Occupational therapy assistants with less than one year experience and occupational therapy assistants 10 new to a particular practice setting require close supervision; 11 (2)(1) Occupational therapy assistants with more than one year of experience require general supervision; 12 13 Supervision that is more frequent than the minimum level required by the practice setting or regulatory $\frac{(3)}{(2)}$ 14 agencies is necessary when the needs of the client and the occupational therapy process are complex 15 and changing, the practice setting provides occupational therapy services to a large number of clients 16 with diverse needs, or the occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant determine that 17 additional supervision is necessary to ensure safe and effective delivery of occupational therapy 18 services. 19 20 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.69; 21 Eff. July 1, 2007;

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. July 23, 2016;

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AGENCY: NC Board of Occupational Therapy

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 38 .0905

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

Whose evaluation, intervention, and outcomes evaluation? The client's? Please clarify.

On line 5, please add "shall" before "have"

In (b), specifically delegated by whom? The therapist? Is there a rule that says what may and may not be delegated? If so, please consider providing a cross-reference. Also, please delete "specifically"

In (b), lines 24, how is it determined whether competency has been established? Is this at the discretion of the therapist? Of what factors is this to be determined?

(2)(a) requires that the plan be developed collaboratively with the assistant, but (2)(b) says that the assistant may be involved. These provisions appear to conflict with each other.

In (3)(a)(ii), is there a cross-reference available to the delegable duties or is this solely at the discretion of the therapist so long as the assistant is determined to be competent by the therapist?

Out of curiosity, in an effort to understand your rules, when does (3)(c) come into play? Is there a requirement anywhere that therapists must delegate some actions to an assistant? (Based upon (4)(c), (5)(c), (6)(b), it looks like the answer is yes, but is this correct?) Is this protection intended to get to the therapists who don't delegate activities to an assistant or is it also intended to get to the assistant who refused to perform a duty because he or she is not comfortable? If it's the latter, would it be helpful to add something like "for refusing to delegate or provide required training for delegation or refusing the perform delegated duties, if the..."?

In (4)(a), when must this meeting occur? After treatment has begun? Also, must the therapist allow the assistant to be at the meeting and the assistant may choose not to or is it at the discretion of the therapist?

In (4)(c), (5)(c), (6)(c), this requires that an assistant "shall" perform these duties, but do you mean "may", such that this is only applicable if these duties have been delegated? In (7)(b), do you mean that they have to be knowledgeable if duties have been delegated?

In (5)(a), what is the intent of "recognizing the unique requirements of specific practice settings, payors, and service delivery models"? Is this language necessary given that you have provided the requirements in (a)(1) through (5)? In (5)(a), line 55, please add a comma after "intervention"

In (5)(a), please delete or define "unique" and "specific"

In (5)(c)(ii), please add a comma after "response"

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

1	21 NCAC 38 .0905 is proposed for amendment as follows:						
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3	21 NCAC 38 .0	8 .0905 Д		DELINEATION OF CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITIES			
4	Regardless of t	the setting in which occupational therapy services are delivered, the occupational therapist and					
5	occupational th	nerapy as	ssistant h	ave the following responsibilities during evaluation, intervention, and outcomes			
6	evaluation:						
7	(1)	Evalua	ations:				
8		(a)	The oc	ecupational therapist shall;			
9			(i)	Direct the evaluation process;			
10			(ii)	Determine the need for services;			
11			(iii)	Define the problems within the domain of occupational therapy that need to be			
12				addressed;			
13			(iv)	Determine the client's goals and priorities in collaboration with the occupational			
14				therapy assistant and the client or caregiver;			
15			(v)	Interpret the information provided by the occupational therapy assistant and			
16				integrate that information into the evaluation decision-making process;			
17			(vi)	Establish intervention priorities;			
18			(vii)	Determine specific future assessment needs;			
19			(viii)	Determine specific assessment tasks that can be delegated to the occupational			
20				therapy assistant; and			
21			(ix)	Initiate and complete the evaluation, interpret the data, and develop the intervention			
22				plan in collaboration with the occupational therapy assistant.			
23		(b)	The oc	ecupational therapy assistant may contribute to the evaluation process by implementing			
24			specifi	ically delegated assessments for which service competency has been established.			
25	(2)	Interv	ention Pla	anning:			
26		(a)	The oc	occupational therapist shall develop the occupational therapy intervention plan. The			
27			plan sł	nall be developed collaboratively with the occupational therapy assistant and the client			
28			or care	egiver; and			
29		(b)	The oc	ecupational therapy assistant may provide input into the intervention plan.			
30	(3)	Interv	ention im	plementation:			
31		(a)	The oc	ecupational therapist:			
32			(i)	Shall implement the occupational therapy intervention;			
33			(ii)	May delegate aspects of the occupational therapy intervention to the occupational			
34				therapy assistant depending on the occupational therapy assistant's service			
35				competency; and			
36			(iii)	Shall supervise all aspects of intervention delegated to the occupational therapy			
37				assistant.			

38		(b)	The o	ccupational therapy assistant shall implement delegated aspects of intervention in	
39			which	the occupational therapy assistant has established service competency; and	
40		(c)	Occup	national therapists or occupational therapy assistants shall not be subject to disciplinary	
41			action by the Board for refusing to delegate or refusing to provide the required training for		
42			delega	tion, if the occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant determines that	
43			delega	ation may compromise client safety.	
44	(4)	Interv	ention rev	view:	
45		(a)	The o	ccupational therapist shall meet with each client who has been assigned to an	
46			occup	ational therapy assistant to further assess the client, to evaluate intervention, and, if	
47			necess	sary, to modify the individual's intervention plan. The occupational therapy assistant	
48			may b	e present at this meeting;	
49		(b)	The oc	ecupational therapist shall determine the need for continuing or discontinuing services;	
50			and		
51		(c)	The oc	ecupational therapy assistant shall contribute to the process of determining continuing	
52			or disc	continuing services by providing information about the client's response to intervention	
53			to assi	st with the occupational therapist's decision making.	
54	(5)	Docu	ocumentation:		
55		(a)	The o	ccupational therapy practitioner shall document each evaluation, intervention and	
56			discha	arge plan recognizing the unique requirements of specific practice settings, payors, and	
57			servic	e delivery models. Documentation shall include the following elements:	
58			(i)	Client name or identifiable information;	
59			(ii)	Signature with occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant designation	
60				of the occupational therapy practitioner who performed the service;	
61			(iii)	Date of the evaluation, intervention, or discharge plan;	
62			(iv)	Objective and measurable description of contact or intervention and client response;	
63				and	
64			(v)	Length of time of intervention session or evaluation.	
65		(b)	The o	occupational therapist shall determine the overall completion of the evaluation,	
66			interv	ention, or discharge plan; and	
67		(c)	The o	ecupational therapy assistant shall;	
68			(i)	Document intervention, intervention response and outcome; and	
69			(ii)	Document client's level of function at discharge.	
70	(6)	Disch	arge:		
71		(a)	The o	ecupational therapist shall determine the client's discharge from occupational therapy	
72			servic	es; and	
73		(b)	The o	ecupational therapy assistant shall:	
74			(i)	Report data for discharge summary; and	
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75		(11)	Formulate discharge or follow-up plans under the supervision of the occupational
76			therapist.
77	(7)	Outcome evalua	tion:
78		(a) The occ	cupational therapist is responsible for the selection, measurement, and interpretation of
79		outcom	es that are related to the client's ability to engage in occupations; and
80		(b) The oc	cupational therapy assistant must be knowledgeable about the client's targeted
81		occupa	tional therapy outcome and provide information relating to outcome achievement.
82	(8)	Supervision of o	occupational therapy students:
83		(a) An occ	cupational therapy practitioner shall comply with Accreditation Council for
84		Occupa	ational Therapy Education (ACOTE) requirements for experience when supervising
85		Level I	I fieldwork occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant students, which
86		ACOTI	E requirements, including subsequent amendments and editions, are incorporated by
87		referen	ce. Copies of the incorporated material are available for inspection at the Board office
88		and are	available for purchase for five dollars (\$5.00);
89		(b) The oc	cupational therapist may supervise Level I and Level II fieldwork occupational
90		therapis	st and occupational therapy assistant students; and
91		(c) The occ	cupational therapy assistant may:
92		(i)	Supervise Level I occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant students;
93		(ii)	Supervise Level II occupational therapy assistant students; and
94		(iii)	Participate in the supervision of Level II occupational therapist students under the
95			direction and guidance of the supervising occupational therapist.
96	(9)	Supervision of u	inlicensed personnel and volunteers. <u>Direct supervision is required for unlicensed</u>
97		personnel. Unl	icensed personnel or volunteers may be supervised by occupational therapists or
98		occupational the	erapy assistants.
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100	History Note:	Authority G.S. 9	0-270.69;
101		Eff. July 1, 2007	<i>7</i> ;
102		Amended Eff. De	ecember 1, 2009;
103		Pursuant to G.S.	150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. July 23, 2016;
104		Amended Eff. Ju	aly 1, 2018.