



## MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES

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- I. PURPOSE:** To provide procedural guidelines governing the administration of Occupational Therapy Services and its integration into the Master Treatment Plan of Montana State Hospital (MSH) patients. To ensure appropriate therapeutic occupational therapy services are provided in a timely manner.
- II. POLICY:** An Occupational Therapy consult will be initiated upon referral by a MSH Licensed Independent Practitioner. The consult will initiate an occupational therapy evaluation as outlined by the Licensed Independent Practitioner. The occupational therapy evaluation will document findings of strengths, abilities, needs, preferences, and recommended treatment in the occupational therapy domain.
- III. DEFINITIONS:**
  - A. Occupational Therapy:** The therapeutic use of everyday life activities with individuals, groups, organizations, and populations for the purpose of participation in roles and situations in the home, school, workplace, community and other settings.
  - B. Significant change in course of treatment:** A significant change in functional or behavioral status requiring a change in treatment approach.
  - C. Measurable objectives:** Objectives based upon Occupational Therapy evaluation summary and recommendations which are measurable, and result in a desired physical outcome.
  - D. Assigned interventions:** Occupational Therapy interventions designed to facilitate attainment of specific goals and objectives. Interventions are recommended by an Occupational Therapist after evaluation and in consultation with the treatment team.
- IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:**
  - A. Medical Director:** Review and approve Occupational Therapy Services policy and procedures and to ensure such are followed consistently by Occupational Therapists.
  - B. Occupational Therapist:** Occupational Therapist is responsible for receiving a Licensed Independent Practitioner initiated written consult order and performing assigned initial occupational therapy evaluation in a timely manner; to consult with the patient's treatment team on assessment recommendations; to monitor the occupational therapy care plan; provide documentation toward treatment objectives; and to administer a re-evaluation at times of significant change in the course of treatment and/or upon request from the patient's treatment team.

**V. PROCEDURES:**

- A. The Licensed Independent Practitioner will initiate a written request for consultation in the Doctor Order section of the patient's medical record.
- B. The Occupational Therapist will complete an occupational therapy evaluation within seven days of receipt of consult. A re-evaluation will also be administered at times of significant change in the course of treatment upon request from Licensed Independent Practitioner. The assessment will be placed in the medical record.
- C. The occupational therapy evaluation will evaluate and document the patient's ability to participate in activities of daily life by considering the patient's history, goals, capacities, and needs; the activities the patient wants and needs to perform; and the environment and context in which these activities and occupations occur.
- D. The occupational therapy evaluation will include one or more occupational goals, corresponding measurable objectives, assigned interventions, and the name of the individual responsible for patient care monitoring of the occupational therapy care plan.
- E. The Occupational Therapist(s) assigned to the treatment team will consult with the Licensed Independent Practitioner, patient and treatment team on the occupational therapy assessment findings and recommendations and include them in the individualized treatment plan.
- F. Occupational Therapist will administer interventions based on assessment recommendation and consultation. Interventions may include: Activities of Daily Living (ADL's), range of motion, mobility, transfers, standing and sitting balance, skin integrity, adaptive equipment, strengthening of upper extremities, sensory evaluation, and independent living and kitchen cooking/safety evaluation.
- G. Occupational Therapist will assist in educating staff, when appropriate, on how to administer exercises or assist with other occupational therapy interventions.
- H. Occupational Therapist will work with the Licensed Independent Practitioner, patient and treatment team to modify/update the treatment plan and to document changes in the patient needs, goals and outcomes.
- I. Occupational Therapist will work with the Licensed Independent Practitioner, patient and treatment team to transition the patient to other types or intensity of service or discontinue service when the patient has achieved goals, reached maximum benefit or does not desire to continue service.
- J. Occupational Therapist will administer t exercise programs as recommended by a physical therapist for lower extremity, strengthening and ambulation.

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- K. Documentation will be completed on an ongoing basis and will include, at a minimum; weekly progress notes for the first two months of hospitalization and monthly thereafter.
- L. An occupational therapy plan of care may be updated upon receipt of an order by the Licensed Independent Practitioner. The therapist will update the plan of care through a patient interview and review of the documented course of treatment. An entry in the chronological progress record documenting this review will be made. A corresponding updated care plan will be completed and entered into the medical record.
- M. The Occupational Therapist is responsible to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the occupational therapy interventions and services.
- VI. REFERENCES:** Montana Code- Section 37-24-103, AOTA Standards of Practice for Occupational Therapy, CMS 42 CFR 482.56 and 482.61.
- VII. COLLABORATED WITH:** Hospital Administrator, Medical Director, Occupational Therapist.
- VIII. VIII. RESCISSIONS:** RTS-06, Occupational Therapy Services dated November 19, 2015; RTS-06, *Occupational Therapy Services* dated August 24, 2012.
- IX. DISTRIBUTION:** All Hospital Policy Manuals.
- X. ANNUAL REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION:** This policy is subject to annual review and authorization for use by either the Administrator or the Medical Director with written documentation of the review per ARM § 37-106-330.
- XI. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY:** Rehabilitation Program Manager
- XII. ATTACHMENTS:** None.

Signatures:

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