

State	Citation	Legislative / Regulatory information
Mississippi	Statute: 73-24-3	(g) "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of or with the consultation of the licensed occupational therapist, and whose license is in good standing.
	Regulation: 15-19-60 §8.1.3	12. "Occupational Therapy Assistant" means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of or with the consultation of a licensed occupational therapist, and whose license is in good standing. 14. Direct supervision means the daily, direct, on-site contact at all times of a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant when an occupational therapy aide assists in the delivery of patient care.
	§8.10.1	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT An occupational therapy assistant (OTA), shall be defined as an individual who meets the qualifications and requirements as set forth in Subchapter 4 of these regulations, and has been issued a license by the Department. The roles and responsibilities of an OTA are: 1. To practice only under the supervision of, or in consultation with, an occupational therapist licensed to practice in Mississippi. 2. To assist with but not perform total patient evaluations. 3. To perform treatment procedures as delegated by the occupational therapist. 4. To supervise other supportive personnel as charged by the occupational therapist. 5. To notify the occupational therapist of changes in the patient's status, including all untoward patient responses. 6. To discontinue immediately any treatment procedures which in their judgment appear to be harmful to the patient. 7. To refuse to carry out treatment procedures that they believe to be not in the best interest of the patient.
	§8.10.2	Supervision or Consultation: 1. An occupational therapy assistant issued a limited permit (see Rule 8.4.5). 2. An occupational therapy assistant issued a regular license. a. Supervision or consultation which means face to face meetings of supervisor and supervisee (OT and OTA) to review and evaluate treatment and progress at the work site, and regular interim communication between the supervisor and supervisee. A face to face meeting is held at least once every seventh treatment day or 21 calendar days, whichever comes first. b. The supervising occupational therapist must be accessible by telecommunications to the occupational therapy assistant on a daily basis while the occupational therapy assistant is treating patients. c. Regardless of the practice setting, the following requirements must be observed when the occupational therapist is supervising or consulting with the occupational therapy assistant: i. The initial visit for evaluation of the patient and establishment of a plan of care must be made by the supervising or consulting occupational therapist. ii. A joint supervisory visit must be made by the supervising occupational therapist and the occupational therapy assistant with the patient present at the patient's residence or treatment setting once every 7 treatment days or every 21 days, whichever comes first. iii. A supervisory visit should include: A review of activities with appropriate revision or termination of the plan of care, An assessment of utilization of outside resources (whenever applicable), Documentary evidence of such visit, Discharge planning as indicated. iv. An occupational therapist may not supervise/consult with more than two (2) occupational therapy assistants except in school settings, or settings where maintenance or tertiary type services are provided, such as the regional treatment centers under the direction of the Department of Mental Health. 4. The supervision/consultation requirements stated in these regulations are minimal. It is the professional responsibility and duty of the licensed occupational therapist to provide the occupational therapist assistant with more supervision if deemed necessary in the occupational therapist's professional judgment.
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	§324.050 §324.056.2 Regulation: 4 CSR 205-4.010	division, in collaboration with the board. The function of an occupational therapy assistant is to assist an occupational therapist in the delivery of occupational therapy services in compliance with federal regulations and rules promulgated by the division, in collaboration with the Missouri board of occupational therapy. 2. A licensed occupational therapy assistant shall be directly supervised by a licensed occupational therapist. The licensed occupational therapist shall have the responsibility of supervising the occupational therapy treatment program. No licensed occupational therapist shall have under his or her direct supervision more than four occupational therapy assistants. Supervision of Occupational Therapy Assistants (1) An occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder shall assist an occupational therapist in the delivery of occupational therapy services in compliance with all state and federal statutes, regulations, and rules. (2) The occupational therapy assistant or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder may only perform services under the direct supervision of an occupational therapist. (A) The manner of supervision shall depend on the treatment setting, patient/client caseload, and the competency of the occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder as determined by the supervising occupational therapist. At a minimum, supervision shall include consultation of the occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder with the supervising occupational therapist prior to the initiation of any patient's/client's treatment plan and modification of treatment plan. (B) More frequent face-to-face supervision may be necessary as determined by the occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder dependent on the level of expertise displayed by the occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder, the practice setting, and/or the complexity of the patient/client caseload. (C) Supervision shall be an interactive process between the occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder. It shall be more than peer review or co-signature. The interactive process shall include but is not limited to the patient/client assessment, reassessment, treatment plan, intervention, discontinuation of intervention, and/or treatment plan. (D) The supervising occupational therapist or the supervisor's designee must be available for immediate consultation with the occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder. The supervisor need not be physically present or on the premises at all times. (3) The supervising occupational therapist has the overall responsibility for providing the necessary supervision to protect the health and welfare of the patient/client receiving treatment from an occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder. The supervising occupational therapist shall— (A) Be licensed by the board as an occupational therapist, this shall not include a limited permit holder; (B) Have a minimum of one (1) year experience as a licensed occupational therapist; (C) Not be under restriction or discipline from any licensing board or jurisdiction; (D) Not have more than four (4) full-time equivalent (FTE) occupational therapy assistants under his/her supervision at one time; (E) Be responsible for all referrals of the patient/client; (F) Be responsible for completing the patient's evaluation/assessment. The occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder may contribute to the screening and/or evaluation process by gathering data, administering standardized tests and reporting observations. The occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder may not evaluate independently or initiate treatment before the supervising occupational therapist's evaluation/assessment; (G) Be responsible for developing and modifying the patient's treatment plan. The treatment plan must include goals, interventions, frequency, and duration of treatment. The occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder may contribute to the preparation, implementation and documentation of the treatment plan. The supervising occupational therapist shall be responsible for the outcome of the treatment plan and assigning of appropriate intervention plans to the occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational therapy assistant limited permit holder within the competency level of the occupational therapy assistant and/or occupational

