

**Nebraska Board of Occupational Therapy Licensure**

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**RE: Use of licensed OTAs in the role of Patient Care Technician.**

**Board Opinion on Occupational Therapy Assistant:**

As defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-2512 and 172 NAC 114, Section 007 in the chapter of Regulations Governing Occupational Therapy Licensure, an Occupational Therapy Assistant means a person holding a current license to assist in the practice of occupational therapy. Further, in 38-2527 of current statutes, an occupational therapy assistant may deliver occupational therapy services enumerated in section 38-2526 in collaboration with and under the supervision of an occupational therapist.

In addition, as stated in Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-2516, No person may represent himself or herself to be a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant unless he or she is licensed in accordance with the Occupational Therapy Practice Act.

**Resolved:** It is the opinion of the Board of Occupational Therapy, in accordance with current Nebraska law, a certified Occupational Therapy Assistant must function within the scope of Occupational Therapy practice when providing patient care services in Nebraska. Under no circumstance are Occupational Therapy Assistants granted privilege to perform occupational therapy services without working in conjunction or under the supervision of a licensed Occupational Therapist.