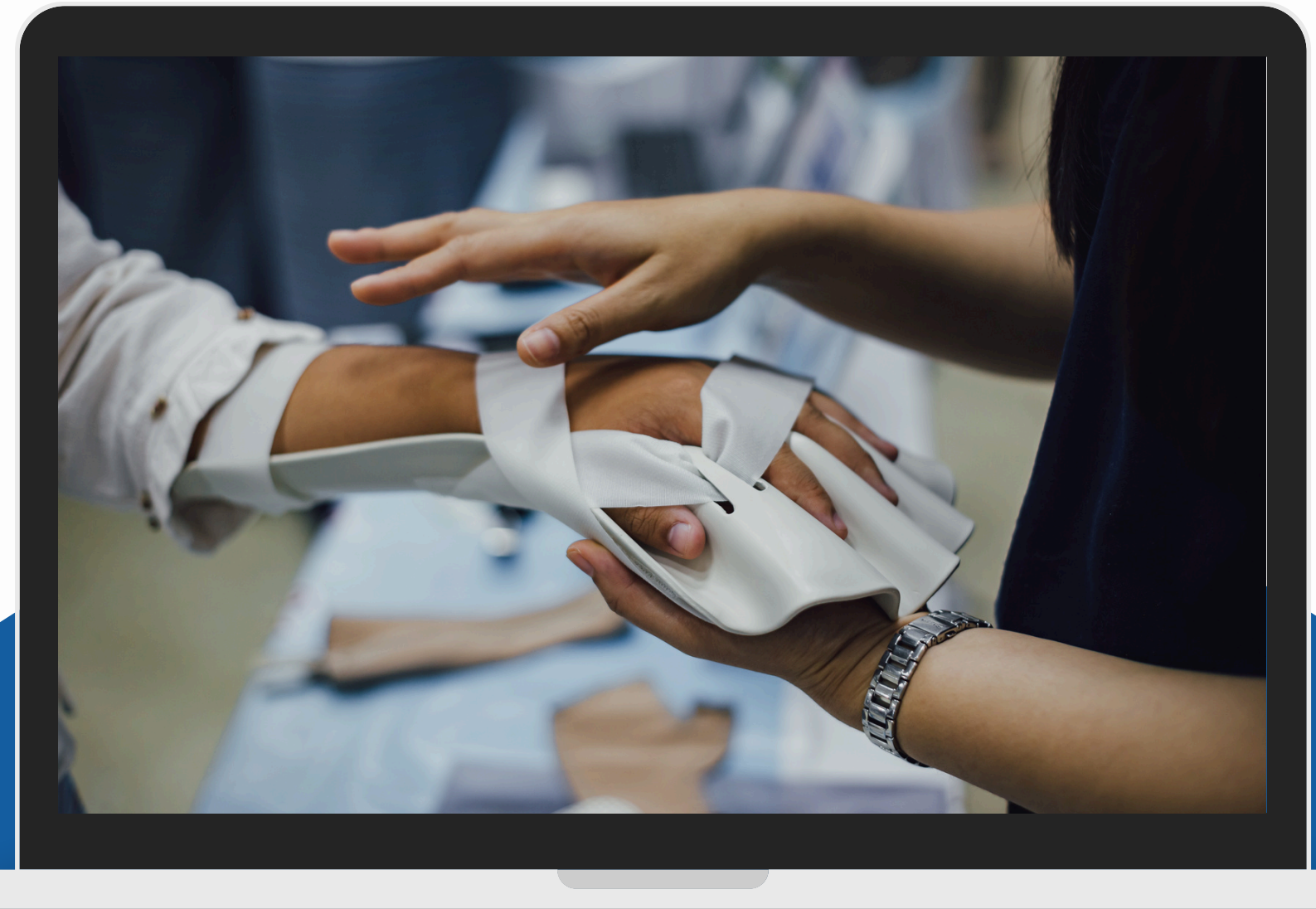




# Technical Review Presentation 3

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# Agenda

- ▶ Thank You
- ▶ Goals of Review
- ▶ Modernizing Language
- ▶ Streamlining Certifications
- ▶ Opening Pathways
- ▶ Temporary Licensure
- ▶ Review of Criteria
- ▶ Summary of Proposal







# Thank You

- The Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association Members and leadership
- Official Associations
- Private Individuals
- The Technical Review Committee
- DHHS



# Review of Goals

- **Modernizing Practice Language:** We've aligned our definitions and scope with the latest Occupational Therapy Practice Framework to ensure evidence-based care for our clients.
- **Streamlining Certifications:** We've eliminated redundant certification requirements for modalities already covered in entry-level education, reducing administrative burdens and costs.
- **Maximizing Assistant Roles:** We've created pathways for occupational therapy assistants to safely utilize advanced modalities under supervision, with a focus on supporting rural healthcare.
- **Enhancing Therapist Training:** We've opened avenues for therapists who complete additional training to use instrument-assisted modalities, enhancing therapeutic options.

## Secondary Goals

- **Included clarifying language** related to common questions presented to relevant boards and groups.
- **Modified Temporary Licensure:** Adjusted provisions to reduce the gap between temporary and permanent licensure.





# Established Need

- Multiple issues have been brought by members to NOTA throughout the years.
- Until 2019, NOTA lacked a formal policy arm that had the manpower or support to tackle a change.
- The timing of the publication of the Model Practice Act, AOTA policy on physical and instrument assisted modalities, and updated ACOTE standards presented NOTA with the opportunity to approach some new and some long-standing challenges with one credentialing review.

## Problem 01

Out-of-date practice language limits discussions with referral sources and payers, limiting access to care.

## Problem 02

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## Problem 03

Limitations in advanced practice certifications limit recipients of care from receiving timely and appropriate care.





# Review of Criteria

- **Criteria 1:** The health, safety, and welfare of the public are inadequately addressed by the present scope of practice or limitations in the scope
- **Criteria 2:** Enactment of the proposed change in scope of practice would benefit the health, safety, or welfare of the public
- **Criteria 3:** The proposed change in scope of practice does not create significant new danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the public
- **Criteria 4:** The current education and training for the health profession adequately prepares practitioners to perform the new skill or service
- **Criteria 5:** There are appropriate post-professional programs and competence assessment measures available to assure that the practitioner is competent to perform the new skill or service in a safe manner
- **Criteria 6:** There are adequate measures to assess whether practitioners are competently performing the new skill or service and to take appropriate action if they are not performing appropriately





# Summary

- Through collaboration with external stakeholders, NOTA has developed and re-worked draft language to ensure support from stakeholder groups, while still maintaining focus on the goals of the proposal
- NOTA is unaware of any organizational opposition to the proposed draft language

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