

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act
5 is amended by changing Section 3.1 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 75/3.1)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2029)

8 Sec. 3.1. Referrals.

9 (a) A licensed occupational therapist or licensed
10 occupational therapy assistant may, within the licensee's
11 scope of practice, provide occupational therapy ~~evaluate,~~
12 ~~initiate, and provide occupational therapy services and~~
13 ~~consult with, educate, evaluate, and monitor~~ services for
14 individuals, groups, and populations concerning occupational
15 therapy needs without a referral.

16 (b) (Blank).

17 (b-5) A referral is not required for the purpose of
18 providing consultation, habilitation, screening, education,
19 wellness, prevention, environmental assessments, and
20 work-related ergonomic services.

21 (c) Referral from a physician or other health care
22 provider is not required for evaluation or intervention for
23 children and youths if an occupational therapist or

1 occupational therapy assistant provides the services in a
2 school-based or educational environment, including the child's
3 home.

4 (d) Except for occupational therapy services within the
5 licensee's scope of practice at the time of evaluation and
6 services provided pursuant to subsections (b-5) or (c), an ~~An~~
7 occupational therapist shall refer a patient to the patient's
8 treating health care professional of record, or to a health
9 care professional of the patient's choosing if there is no
10 health care professional of record, if:

11 (1) the patient does not demonstrate measurable or
12 functional improvement after 10 visits ~~or 15 business~~
13 ~~days, whichever occurs first,~~ and continued improvement
14 thereafter;

15 (2) the patient was under the care of an occupational
16 therapist without a diagnosis established by a health care
17 professional of a chronic disease that may benefit from
18 occupational therapy and returns for services for the same
19 or similar condition 30 calendar days after being
20 discharged by the occupational therapist; or

21 (3) the patient's medical condition, at the time of
22 evaluation or services, is determined to be beyond the
23 scope of practice of the occupational therapist.

24 (Source: P.A. 103-251, eff. 1-1-24.)