

POLICY E.1

Subject: Standards of Practice

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PURPOSE: To establish policy identifying the Association's responsibility in establishing and providing standards of practice for occupational therapists (OT) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA).

IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE ASSOCIATION THAT:

1. The Association has the authority and responsibility for establishing and providing Standards of Practice for the profession of occupational therapy.
2. Standards of practice are the accepted norms and expected behaviors for the delivery of client-centered occupational therapy services for persons, organizations and populations.
3. Standards of practice serve as a means for the profession to define and control its own practice.
4. Standards of practice identify the minimum standards for occupational therapy practice.
5. Standards serve to identify best practice for the delivery of occupational therapy services, to protect the rights of consumers, and to provide direction to the educational programs in the preparation of the OT and OTA.
6. Revision of the standards of practice may be necessary to reflect the changing scope of practice as well as advances in the theoretical basis upon which occupational therapy practice rests.
7. The procedures for management of standards are contained in the Association's Governance Manual.

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