

Chapter OT 6

TELEHEALTH

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OT 6.01 Authority and purpose. The rules in this chapter are adopted by the board under the authority of ss. 15.085 (5) (b) and 448.965 (1) (c) and (2), Stats., to establish standards of practice, care, and conduct for providing occupational therapy services using a telehealth visit.

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OT 6.02 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) “HIPAA” means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104–191.

(2) “Telehealth” has the meaning given in s. 440.01 (1) (hm), Stats.

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OT 6.03 Technology and equipment. An occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who provides occupational therapy services using a telehealth visit shall utilize technology that enables the transmission of information via the technology that is of sufficient quality to be functionally equivalent to face–to–face contact. Technology that is not real–time may be utilized to prepare for an occupational therapy session or to communicate with a patient between occupational therapy sessions.

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OT 6.04 Standards of practice, care, and conduct.

(1) An occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall be held to the same standards of practice, care, and professional conduct regardless of whether occupational therapy services are provided utilizing a telehealth visit or an in–person visit.

(2) A telehealth visit may not be utilized if the standard of care for the particular occupational therapy services provided cannot be met.

(3) Upon scheduling a telehealth visit, clear information shall be provided to the patient that the visit will be a telehealth visit.

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OT 6.05 Wisconsin license required. An occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who uses a telehealth visit to provide occupational therapy services to a patient located in this state shall be licensed by the board.

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OT 6.06 Supervision. Supervision of an occupational therapy assistant or unlicensed personnel providing services to or assisting a client during a telehealth visit shall meet the requirements of s. OT 4.04 or 4.05, as appropriate.

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