

## Physical Therapy in Oregon Schools – School-Based Health Services (SBHS)

Guidance provided by Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority for Oregon education agencies providing health related services to Medicaid-eligible children and young adults; also, see [Medicaid in Education](#).

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<b>AUTHORITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 688</li> <li>• Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 848</li> <li>• Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board</li> </ul>		
<b>SBHS-RECOGNIZED PROVIDERS</b>	Licensed Physical Therapist (PT)	Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) OAR Chapter 848, Division 15	Physical Therapist Aide (aide) OAR Chapter 848, Division 20
<b>SUPERVISION</b>	<b>PTs with two years' experience may supervise (may delegate supervision to an PTA):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two aides when the aides are performing treatment-related tasks.</li> <li>• Additional aides who are not performing treatment-related tasks.</li> </ul>		
	A supervising PT is professionally responsible for the competent performance of tasks assigned to an aide, including all acts and omissions.	<p>Works solely under the clinical supervision and direction of a PT.</p> <p>At all times the supervising PT is readily accessible for consultation, either in person or by means of telecommunications.</p>	<p>Works solely under the clinical supervision and direction of a PT.</p> <p>May be supervised by a PTA when the supervising PT delegates supervision of the aide to the PTA.</p>
<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>Physical therapy intervention is defined by the Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board in OAR 848-040-0100 including treatment and procedures.</b> <b>In addition, and specifically for PT therapy provided in schools to students eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Oregon Health Authority defines PT in OAR 410-120-0000.</b>		
	<p>Is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial evaluation (OAR 848-040-0025)</li> <li>• Plan of care (OAR 848-040-0135)</li> <li>• Physical therapy treatment, as defined in OAR 848-040-0100</li> </ul>	<p>May provide physical therapy treatment only after a PT has performed an initial evaluation and prepared a plan of care (OAR 848-015-0020).</p> <p>May provide limited services to a student in a school setting for up to 10 school days after the date when a reassessment is required (OAR 848-040-0155(2)).</p> <p>Prohibited tasks are listed in OAR 848-015-0030.</p>	<p>May only administer a non-prohibited procedure or modality that a licensee has previously administered to the patient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment-related tasks within sight or earshot of the supervising PT or PTA; and</li> <li>• Non-treatment, patient-related tasks within the same building as the supervising PT or PTA.</li> </ul> <p>Prohibited tasks are listed in OAR 848-020-0060.</p>

## RECORD-KEEPING (DOCUMENTATION)

### OAR 848-040-0110 General Standards for Record Keeping

- Records shall be prepared on the date a PT service is provided. The permanent record shall be prepared within seven calendar days of the date the service was provided. The supervising PT must authenticate all permanent records. Permanent records shall be written legibly in ink and contain: Information for every PT service provided; the date the service was provided; and the date the entry was made in the record.
- Abbreviations may be used if they are recognized standard PT abbreviations or are approved for use in the specific practice setting.
- Errors and late entries have specific standards (OAR 848-040-0110(9)).

### Also, see OAR 410-133-0320 Documentation and Record Keeping Requirements.

- Documents initial evaluation (OAR 848-040-0130) and plan of care (OAR 848-040-0140).
- Authenticates all permanent records.

May prepare PT treatment-related entries for the permanent patient record for authentication by the treating licensee.