

**Questions 16 – 18 deal with Supervision.** Citation 339-010-0005, 339-010-0035; OAR 339-010-0055 and AOTA Supervision Guidelines

#### **339-010-0005 Definitions**

(1) "Supervision," is a process in which two or more people participate in a joint effort to promote, establish, maintain and/or evaluate a level of performance. The occupational therapist is responsible for the practice outcomes and documentation to accomplish the goals and objectives. Levels of supervision:

(a) "Close supervision" requires **daily**, direct contact in person at the work site;

(b) "Routine supervision" requires the supervisor to have direct contact in person at least **every two weeks** at the work site or via telehealth as defined in OAR 339-010-0006(9) with interim supervision occurring by other methods, such as telephone or written communication;

(c) "General supervision" requires the supervisor to have at least **monthly** direct contact in person with the supervisee at the work site or via telehealth as defined in OAR 339-010-0006(9) with supervision available as needed by other methods.

#### **339-010-0035 Supervision of an Occupational Therapy Assistant**

(1) Any person who is licensed as an occupational therapy assistant may assist in the practice of occupational therapy only under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

(2) Before an occupational therapy assistant assists in the practice of occupational therapy:

**(a) The occupational therapy assistant must log into their online license portal with the board and record the name of the licensed occupational therapist who will supervise them, the site where supervision will take place and the supervision start date.**

(b) The licensed occupational therapist whose name is recorded in the online license portal with the board must log into their online license portal and confirm their supervision of the occupational therapy assistant by updating the approval status to "approved".

**(3) An occupational therapy assistant always requires at least general supervision.**

(4) The supervising occupational therapist shall provide closer supervision where professionally appropriate.

**(5) The supervisor, in collaboration with the supervisee, is responsible for setting and evaluating the standard of work performed.**