



Medical Licensing Board's New Final Rule, LSA Document #25-329, concerning Occupational Therapists, effective Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Indianapolis, IN – Pursuant to its authority under [Indiana Code §25-23.5-2-5](#), the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana (the Board), in consultation with the Indiana Occupational Therapy Committee (the Committee) recently promulgated and adopted a new final rule, under the requirements of [Indiana Code §4-22-2](#), to make certain changes to its administrative rules provided under Title 844 of the Indiana Administrative Code (844 IAC). The Board, the Committee, and the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) are pleased to announce the Board's new final rule is now effective as of Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

The Board's new final rule is provided under LSA Document #25-329. The Board's new final rule and other filings required by law from this rulemaking are available [here](#) in the Indiana Register.

Including but not limited to all its changes to the Board's administrative rules, the Board's new final rule enforces the following:

- Amends required application materials to be submitted by applicants seeking licensure by examination or endorsement under 844 IAC 10-1-3 and 10-3-3;
- Adds language concerning the standards for supervision of an occupational therapy assistant, and amends the duties and responsibilities of supervised occupational therapy assistants under 844 IAC 10-5-5;
- Amends documentation requirements to provide specific circumstances in which an occupational therapist's countersignature is required under 844 IAC 10-5-6;
- Amends the requirements for supervision of a temporary holder to allow for virtual supervision, amends the time period for a supervising occupational therapist to countersign documentation to five (5) calendar days, and amends the time period to notify the Committee of a change or termination of the relationship with a temporary permit holder to five (5) calendar days under 844 IAC 10-5-13;
- Establishes required documentation to be maintained by a supervising occupational therapist of a temporary permit holder under 844 IAC 10-5-14;
- Adds language defining an "occupational therapy aide" as a person who provides support and assistance to the occupational therapist or occupational therapist assistant under 844 IAC 10-6-1.5;
- Establishes the circumstances in which an "occupational therapy aide" may provide limited direct patient services under the supervision of an occupational therapist or occupational therapist assistant under 844 IAC-10-6-2;

- Establishes continuing education requirements to be completed by individuals seeking reinstatement of a license that has been expired for longer than three (3) years under 844 IAC 10-7-3;
- Adds language to “category II continuing competency activities” to include contact hours for Mentoring of an Occupational Therapist Doctoral Capstone Experience Mentorship and Supervision of an Occupational Therapy Assistant Baccalaureate Program Project under 844 IAC 10-7-4

More specific guidance and directions regarding any changes to administrative processes, in accordance with these regulatory changes, may be added to the IPLA’s [“Occupational Therapy Home”](#) web page as deemed necessary. Questions may be directed to the Board. Please visit the IPLA’s [“Occupational Therapy Home”](#) web page for contact information.

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