

Chapter 54. State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not underlined.)

12 AAC 54.500(c) is amended to read:

(c) To maintain a high standard of integrity in the profession and to safeguard the health and welfare of the public, physical therapists shall adhere to the ethical standards set out in the **Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Principles of Practice, dated March 2015** [CODE OF ETHICS, AS AMENDED AS OF JUNE 2000, AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION, AND THE GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, AS AMENDED AS OF JANUARY 2004, AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION]. The **Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Principles of Practice is** [CODE OF ETHICS AND THE GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT ARE] adopted by reference.

12 AAC 54.500(d) is amended to read:

(d) To maintain a high standard of integrity in the profession and to safeguard the health and welfare of the public, physical therapy assistants shall adhere to the ethical standards set out in the **Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Principles of Practice, dated March 2015** [STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT, AS AMENDED AS OF JUNE 2000, AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION, AND THE GUIDE FOR CONDUCT OF THE AFFILIATE MEMBER, AS AMENDED FEBRUARY 2004, AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION]. The **Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Principles of Practice is** [STANDARDS

OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT AND THE GUIDE FOR CONDUCT OF THE AFFILIATE MEMBER ARE] adopted by reference.

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 4/11/2008, Register 186; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.150

Editor's note: A copy of the *Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Principles of Practice* [*CODE OF ETHICS, GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT, AND THE GUIDE FOR CONDUCT OF THE AFFILIATE MEMBER*] described in 12 AAC 54.500 **may be obtained from** [ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT] the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing, **State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board, State Office Building, 9th Floor, 333 Willoughby Avenue,** Juneau, Alaska **99801; phone (907) 465-2580; website at** **<http://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/PhysicalTherapyOccupationalTherapy.aspx>** [, OR MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION, 1111 NORTH FAIRFAX STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314-1488].

12 AAC 54.600(6)(A) is amended to read:

- (A) performed at least 60 hours of occupational therapy service [AND COMPLETED AT LEAST 24 CONTACT HOURS OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

RELATED COURSE WORK]; the verification of at least 60 hours of occupational therapy service must be sent directly to the department on a form provided by the department from the agency or source;

(Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am ___/___/___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.060 AS 08.84.120
AS 08.84.030

12 AAC 54.610(a)(6)(A) is amended to read:

(A) performed at least 60 hours of occupational therapy service [AND COMPLETED AT LEAST 24 CONTACT HOURS OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RELATED COURSE WORK]; the verification of at least 60 hours of occupational therapy service must be sent directly to the department on a form provided by the department from the agency or source; or

(Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am ___/___/___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.032 AS 08.84.120
AS 08.84.030

12 AAC 54.640(b)(4)(A) is amended to read:

(A) performed at least 60 hours of occupational therapy service [AND COMPLETED AT LEAST 24 CONTACT HOURS OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

RELATED COURSE WORK]; the verification of at least 60 hours of occupational therapy service must be on a form provided by the department; or (Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 7/21/2006, Register 178; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.030 AS 08.84.065

12 AAC 54.800(a) is amended to read:

(a) In order to maintain a high standard of integrity in the profession and to safeguard the health and welfare of the public, occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants shall adhere to the *Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Principles of Practice [CODE OF ETHICS]*, **dated March 2015** [AS REVISED AS OF MAY 2005, AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION]. The *Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Principles of Practice [CODE OF ETHICS]* is adopted by reference. (Eff. 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 4/11/2008, Register 186; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.065 AS 08.84.150
AS 08.84.030

Editor's note: A copy of the *Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Principles of Practice [CODE OF ETHICS]*, adopted by reference in 12 AAC 54.800, **may be obtained from** [IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT] the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, **State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board, State Office Building,**

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9th Floor, 333 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, Alaska **99801; phone (907) 465-2580** [OR MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 31220, BETHESDA, MD 20824-1220]; website at

<http://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/PhysicalTherapyOccupationalTherapy.aspx> [WWW.AOTA.ORG/GENERAL/DOCS/ETHICSCODE 05.PDF].

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This document serves two purposes. It will identify what is expected from a professional therapist and it will also educate the consumer in what they can expect from their therapist.

Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Assistants, Occupational Therapists, and Occupational Therapy Assistants shall:

Principle 1: Patient/Client Safety and Well Being:

1. Adhere to the respective national professional core values and ethical standards.
2. Act in the best interest of the patient/client.
3. Provide services within practitioner's level of competence as demonstrated by education, training and professional experience.
4. Provide supervision for support personnel.
5. Provide for the continuity of service when transitioning care.

Principle 2: Right of individuals to self-determination:

1. Respect the patient/client right to informed consent, right to refuse services, and keep informed of the process in meeting goals specific to the plan of intervention. If the patients/clients cannot give consent, the therapist must be sure that consent has been obtained from the person who is legally responsible for the patient/client.
2. Establish a collaborative relationship with recipients of services including families, significant others and caregivers throughout the intervention process, including setting goals and priorities.
3. Maintain confidentiality of all verbal, written, electronic, augmentative and non-verbal communication disclosing such only when allowed or required by law.

Principle 3: Provide services in a fair and equitable manner:

1. Advocate for just and fair treatment for all patients, clients, employees and colleagues by encouraging employers and colleagues to abide by the ethical standards set forth by their national professions.
2. Act in a respectful manner toward each person regardless of age, gender, race, nationality, religion, ethnicity, social or economic status, sexual orientation, health condition, or disability.

Principle 4: Provide comprehensive, accurate, and objective information about services:

1. Provide accurate and relevant information to the public and recipients about service, credentials, experience, education and training.
2. Record and report in an accurate and timely manner in accordance with applicable regulations, all information related to professional activities, services, and patient care.

Principle 5: Treat colleagues and other professionals with respect, fairness, discretion, and integrity:

1. Respect the traditions, practices, competencies and responsibilities of physical therapy, occupational therapy and other professions, as well as those of the institutions and agencies that constitute the working environment.
2. Provide appropriate direction to, and communication with therapy staff and personnel.

Principle 6: Comply with institutional rules, local, state, federal, and international laws applicable to the profession:

1. Comply with professionally applicable institutional, local, state, federal and international laws and regulations.
2. Report to the Board any unprofessional, incompetent, or illegal behavior of a physical therapist or occupational therapist or physical therapist assistant or occupational therapy assistant in practice, education or research.
3. Cooperate with an investigation by the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy. Cooperation includes responding fully and promptly to any questions raised by the Board and providing copies of the medical records and other documents requested by the Board.