

**R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.**

**R156-42a. Occupational Therapy Practice Act Rule.**

**R156-42a-101. Title.**

This rule is known as the "Occupational Therapy Practice Act Rule".

**R156-42a-102. Definitions.**

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 42a, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 42a, or this rule:

(1) "General supervision", as used in Section 58-42a-304 and Subsection R156-42a-302b(2), means the supervising occupational therapist is:

- (a) present in the area where the person supervised is performing services; and
- (b) immediately available to assist the person being supervised in the services being performed.

(2) "Consult with the attending physician", as used in Subsection 58-42a-501(6), means that the occupational therapist will consult with the attending physician when an acute change of patient condition affects the occupational therapy services being performed.

(3) "Physical agent modalities", as used in Subsection 58-42a-102(9)(g), means specialized treatment procedures that produce a response in soft tissue through the use of light, water, temperature, sound or electricity such as hot packs, ice, paraffin, and electrical or sound currents.

(4) "Unprofessional conduct" as defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 42a, is further defined, in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(e), in Section R156-42a-502.

**R156-42a-103. Authority - Purpose.**

This rule is adopted by the Division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1)(a) to enable the Division to administer Title 58, Chapter 42a.

**R156-42a-104. Organization - Relationship to Rule 156-1.**

The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-107.

**R156-42a-303. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.**

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licenses under Title 58, Chapter 42a is established by rule in R156-1-308a.

(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308c.

**R156-42a-502. Unprofessional Conduct.**

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

- (1) delegating supervision, or occupational therapy services, care or responsibilities not authorized under Title 58, Chapter 42a or this rule;
- (2) engaging in or attempting to engage in the use of physical agent modalities when not competent to do so by education, training, or experience;
- (3) failing to provide general supervision as set forth in Title 58, Chapter 42a and this rule; and
- (4) violating any provision of the American Occupational Therapy Association Code of Ethics, last amended April 2005, which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference.

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