

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: Not Applicable (No request from the public was received)

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Accept CHT Certification as meeting Advanced Practice requirements.

Sections Affected: Title 16, Division 39, California Code of Regulations, Sections 4151 and 4152

Updated Information:

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in the file. There has not been any change to the initially proposed text or the underlying reasons the California Board of Occupational Therapy (Board) seeks this regulatory amendment.

Local Mandate: None

Business Impact/Finding of Necessity:

The Board has determined this proposed action will not have an adverse economic impact on business in California. The proposed action applies to individuals that are licensed to provide occupational therapy services and who wish to provide services that have been identified as advanced practice.

The regulatory amendments that are contained in this proposed action are necessary to lessen the burden and streamline the Board's advanced practice application and approval process in the areas of hand therapy and physical agent modalities for Certified Hand Therapists (CHTs). This regulatory change will make it easier for CHTs to immediately qualify for Board approval to provide hand therapy services and use physical agent modalities in their practice in California. Thus this proposed action will make California a more attractive state for out-of-state licensed occupational therapists that are CHTs to move to and practice. This proposed action will not compromise or diminish the quality of advanced practice services that will be provided to the public.

Consideration of Alternatives:

No reasonable alternative which was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Board would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which it was proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation or would be more cost effective to the affected private persons than the adopted regulation or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

Summary of Public Comments Received During 45-day Comment Period:

The Board did not receive any comment in the 45-day comment period.