

8. Practice Committee Report. (L. Florey)

A. Acceptance of the February 17, 2011 and April 7, 2011, meeting minutes.

The Practice Committee accepted the meeting minutes as presented.

B. Recommended addition of Section 4171, Notification to Consumers to regulations

The Committee recommends the Board approve the following regulatory language, adding Section 4171:

§ 4171. Notice to Consumers.

(a) All occupational therapy practitioners must provide notice to their patients or clients that they are licensed and regulated by the California Board of Occupational Therapy.

(b) An occupational therapy practitioner shall wear a name tag, in at least 18-point font that provides the first and last name and license type and number. However, the name tag requirement shall not apply to practitioners who prominently display a copy of their license in the practice area or office where he or she works. For safety reasons, an employer may exempt from the name tag requirement those who work in a psychiatric setting or a facility setting that is not licensed by the state.

(c) An occupational therapy practitioner shall also provide to the patient or client at the time of initial evaluation, or displayed in at least 24-point font in an area visible to patients, written notice specifying that the licensee is regulated by the California Board of Occupational Therapy, and provide the following personal information:

Licensee's first and last name,
License type and number, and
Highest level of academic degree.

(d) Written notification shall not apply to an occupational therapy practitioner who works in the following types of facilities:

- (1) General acute care hospital
- (2) Acute psychiatric hospital;
- (3) Skilled nursing facility;
- (4) Intermediate care facility;
- (5) Intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-habilitative;
- (6) Intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled;
- (7) Intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-nursing;
- (8) Congregate living health facility;
- (9) Correctional treatment center;
- (10) Nursing facility; or
- (11) Intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-continuous nursing.

Authority cited: Section 2570.20, Business and Professions Code; Reference: Sections 138, 680, and 680.5, Business and Professions Code.