



Are Your Constituents Receiving Occupational Therapy?

Occupational therapy is a **cost-effective solution** to many of the challenges facing Ohio's healthcare and education systems.



Policy Snapshot

- Potential changes to Medicaid funding could impact access to therapy services statewide
- Expansion of school-based Medicaid services now underway across Ohio
- Continued focus on behavioral health and workforce needs



Our Priorities

1 Modernizing OT Practice

- Update scope of practice to better address **behavioral health** needs
- Improve access to OT services in **K-12 schools**

2 Protecting Access to Care

- Monitor potential **Medicaid** funding cuts
- Support sustainable **reimbursement** for therapy services

3 Reducing Barriers for Providers

- Advocate for policies that reduce administrative burden (e.g., **prior authorization**)



Why This Matters for Ohioans

1. Delays in care = increased long-term healthcare costs
2. School-based OT supports student success and participation
3. Early intervention reduces the need for more intensive services later
4. Access to OT helps individuals live independently and return to work



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